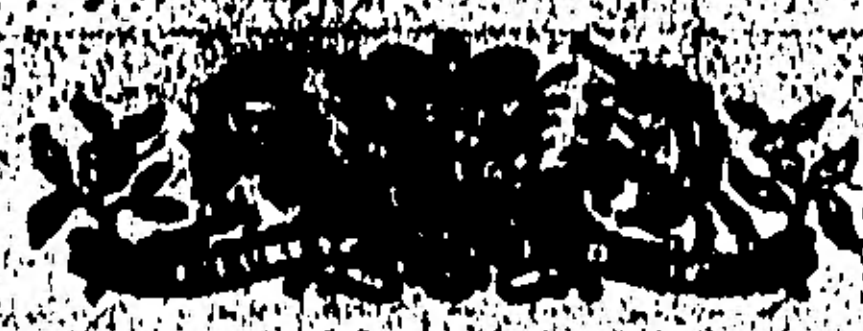




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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Year Ends

THE year that ends today may go down in history as the year in which the Far East, twice during the year war came near. There were alarming crises. But the war danger passed; and as the year ends there is a feeling that if 1954 has passed away leaving peace intact, the prospects for peace in the future are by no means black. The centre of crisis in Asia in 1954 has been Indo-China. But after several anxious fighting came to an end with the Geneva agreement in the summer. The Indo-China question is still far from settled, but at least the agreement is showing signs of durability. At the turn of the year it is a good thing to lift one's eyes from immediate events and to see the year in perspective. If we do so we can, this year, find genuine encouragement. Surely there has been a distinct advance, even if a very limited one, towards more ordered conditions. 1954 has been a year of showdown and perhaps also of the beginning of the relaxing of tension. Two conditions were needed for bringing this about. One was the erosion of an adequate counterweight to the disruptive forces of Communism. Another was the growing sense that the time had come when it was too dangerous for tension to continue at its earlier pitch. In the light of what has happened it is striking to look back on a speech made almost exactly three years ago by Mr. Anthony Eden as he was then. The international situation at that time was exceedingly critical. But Mr. Eden proclaimed his belief that "it would eventually be possible to establish gradually—agreement by agreement—a basis of existence free from the constant fear of war." The years which followed this end word, he said, "saw the restoration of an equilibrium of force, second, to attempt to conclude local and limited settlements of outstanding issues and third, avoidance of provocation. The result would be a general agreement to live and let live based on mutually recognised positions of strength." Was this not a surprisingly exact forecast of what is now coming about in the Far East? If events have taken in part the course which Sir Anthony foresaw it has been in part because he propelled them in this way. It has taken three years, but it was a long-term programme. Certainly the dangers are not yet over. Even the danger of general war is not far away although it has receded. The Formosa question may cause a new ferment. But in facing 1955 we may at least be fortified by the sense of dangers overcome in 1954 and by the advances which have been made and which have come about not by chance but by design.

WEST: JOYFUL REDS: FURIOUS

Allies Hail Assembly | Satellites Launch Sharp Attack

Decision SIGNPOST TO PEACE SAYS EISENHOWER

London, Dec. 31. The Western world today hailed the great victory of M. Mendes-France in the French Assembly last night when the Deputies approved West German rearmament by 287 to 260. London was joyful. President Eisenhower described the vote as a "decisive" signpost to world peace. The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. L. B. Pearson said the vote was a cause for "deep satisfaction".

After 10 days of passionate and often bitter debate, the National Assembly last night voted for the creation of a new German Army within the Western European Union. This removed the last big obstacle to Western Germany's entry into the Atlantic Alliance and the Western European Union with an army of 500,000 men. The Assembly had previously approved Germany's admission to NATO, the return of her national sovereignty and the Franco-German agreement on the Saar.

LOOKED: BELATED
The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, looked a little relieved after the vote despite a virtual honky-tonk round of diplomatic and Parliamentary activity over the past two weeks. Deputies in the vast Assembly semicircle greeted the historic announcement in complete silence.

Uproar broke out as the members rose to leave. From the Communist benches came shouts of "treason," "assassin" and "you Nazis."

AIMED AT SOCIALISTS
Most seemed aimed at the Socialists on the neighbouring benches.

The small majority of the vote and the fact that less than half of the 627 Deputies actually went on record in favour of German rearmament under the control of the Western European Union does not reflect parliamentary feeling about France's place in the Western world. In August, George Pompidou, President of the French Republic, hailed the French Assembly's vote as a "decisive" signpost to world peace.

The text of the President's statement follows:
"The recent series of actions taken by the French Assembly is a matter of great gratification."

not only to the United States but to the entire free world. "There are, of course, further steps to be taken both in France and elsewhere before a satisfactory foundation for Western defence has been achieved."

MORE SIGNIFICANT
"But of particular importance is the fact that the French Deputies, after initial hesitation against bringing Germany into Western defence arrangements, have now voted to ratify the new treaties signed at Paris last October."

"The French action is all the more significant since it follows the vote on ratification taken last week by the Italian Assembly which approved Western defence plans by a decisive majority."

"Once sovereignty is restored to the Federal Republic, with German participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, there will be added defensive strength and general solidarity in Western Europe."

ADENAUER'S FEELING
In Bonn Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, said the end of the controversy about German rearmament would clear the way for tackling other tasks—a further strengthening of German Democracy and for social reform.

In Ottawa the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. L. B. Pearson, today described the French National Assembly decision to approve West German rearmament as "cause for deep satisfaction."

Mr. Pearson said: "We now must prove that the rearmament of Germany not unlimited nor uncontrolled, but within the context of NATO and the Western European Union, is not only no menace to France or to any other country, but on the contrary will help to associate Germany with the free Western world in such a way that peace and security will be strengthened."—All Agencies.

Saturday Racing Selections

By "Rapiet"	By "The Turf"
RACE 1 Fox Hunter Electmaster Colin Outsider:—Scrabo.	RACE 1 Scrabo Colin Pearl of Hongkong Outsider:—Fox Hunter.
RACE 2 Tom Thumb Jip On Giddup Outsider:—Hellzapoppin.	RACE 2 Trio Jip On Hellzapoppin Outsider:—Giddup.
RACE 3 Tune-phon Deert Gold Green Velvet Outsider:—Rider's Wish.	RACE 3 Green Velvet Wild Cat Jethel Outsider:—Tune-phon.
RACE 4 Royal Command Pay Day Can Do Outsider:—Beautiful Phoenix.	RACE 4 Mineola Royal Command Can Do Outsider:—Forward View.
RACE 5 Henrietta Blondie Crown Witness Outsider:—Tip Top.	RACE 5 Tip Top Pearl Diver Henrietta Outsider:—Crown Witness.
RACE 6 Fire-glo Straight Forward Outsider:—Aviemore.	RACE 6 Fire-glo Aviemore Outsider:—Babsie.
RACE 7 Lake Success Every Day Cirrus Outsider:—Bright Bay.	RACE 7 Cirrus Lake Success Every Day Outsider:—Lily.
RACE 8 Norve Lady Ironside Amber Outsider:—Aeroplane.	RACE 8 Mourne May Breeze Merry Returns Outsider:—Red Feather.
RACE 9 Diamond Daffin Tonyber Apple Pie Outsider:—Chinese Mackerel.	RACE 9 Flaming Wheel Shiraz Supreme Command Outsider:—Beat That.

ENGLAND BATSMEN FAIL AGAIN

Out: Hutton Edrich May Compton

Melbourne, Dec. 31. England opened the batting in the third test against Australia at Melbourne today but it was the same old story... the cream of the English batting collapsed and when the China Mail went to press, four wickets were down for 59 runs.

Gone are Edrich, who went out to a good low catch by Lindwall off Miller for four, May, Compton and Hutton. Peter May followed Edrich when he gave an easy catch to Benaud in the gully off Lindwall. He scored a duck. Then Hutton was caught in the slips by Hole off Miller after making 12. Then Compton came and went after making four.

The weather is gloriously fine and experts predict it will stay that way. Hutton was not feeling well earlier this morning. He woke up with a stiff neck but decided to play and omitted Alec Bedser, Surrey fast bowler, from the team. Australia dropped Jim Burke. The teams are: ENGLAND—L. Hutton (Captain), P. B. H. May (Vice-captain), M. C. Cowdrey, T. B. Bailey, W. J. Edrich, D. C. S.

CALL FOR MEASURES AGAINST GERMANY
London, Dec. 31. The Communist Satellite official radio stations began a furious assault on M. Mendes-France and the West following the French National Assembly's decision to approve German rearmament last night. An East German Minister said the Satellites should "immediately consider measures against West German rearmament". Prague radio said the seven-day debate was "subject to the ruthless terror and hidden machinations of M. Mendes-France and his American, British and West German friends".

In Vienna, Johannes Diekmann, President of the East German People's Chamber, said today that Czechoslovakia, Poland and East Germany should immediately consider measures against West German rearmament.

Speaking at a meeting of members of the Polish East German and Czechoslovak Parliaments, "the three nations most menaced by West German rearmament," Herr Diekmann said: "The extremely serious situation demands that the States particularly menaced (by West Germany) consider now all measures for negotiating with a rearmament West Germany led by imperialists."

RUTHLESS TERROR
PRAGUE Radio said tonight the seven-day debate was "subject to the ruthless terror and hidden machinations of M. Mendes-France and his American, British and West German friends".

The radio concluded: "The French people have not ended their fight yet." Moscow Radio tonight broadcast a news agency dispatch giving the results of today's vote in a declaration: "The Russian people for provincial newspapers. There was no comment."

"MACHINATIONS"
WARSAW radio said that the "struggle would continue." The radio said the Assembly's vote showed: "a very small majority" in favour of West German rearmament, but that German "blackmail, British threats and dirty back-stage machinations of the French Prime Minister achieved their object."

The radio said that the French Government had less than half of the National Assembly on its side and had the majority of the French people against it. Warsaw radio said the decision was a "disgraceful vote which can only be called a capitulation in front of Mr. Dulles, Eden and Adenauer." BUDAPEST Radio, commenting on the French National Assembly's decision, said: "The French people have not ended their fight yet."

Today's China Mail Features

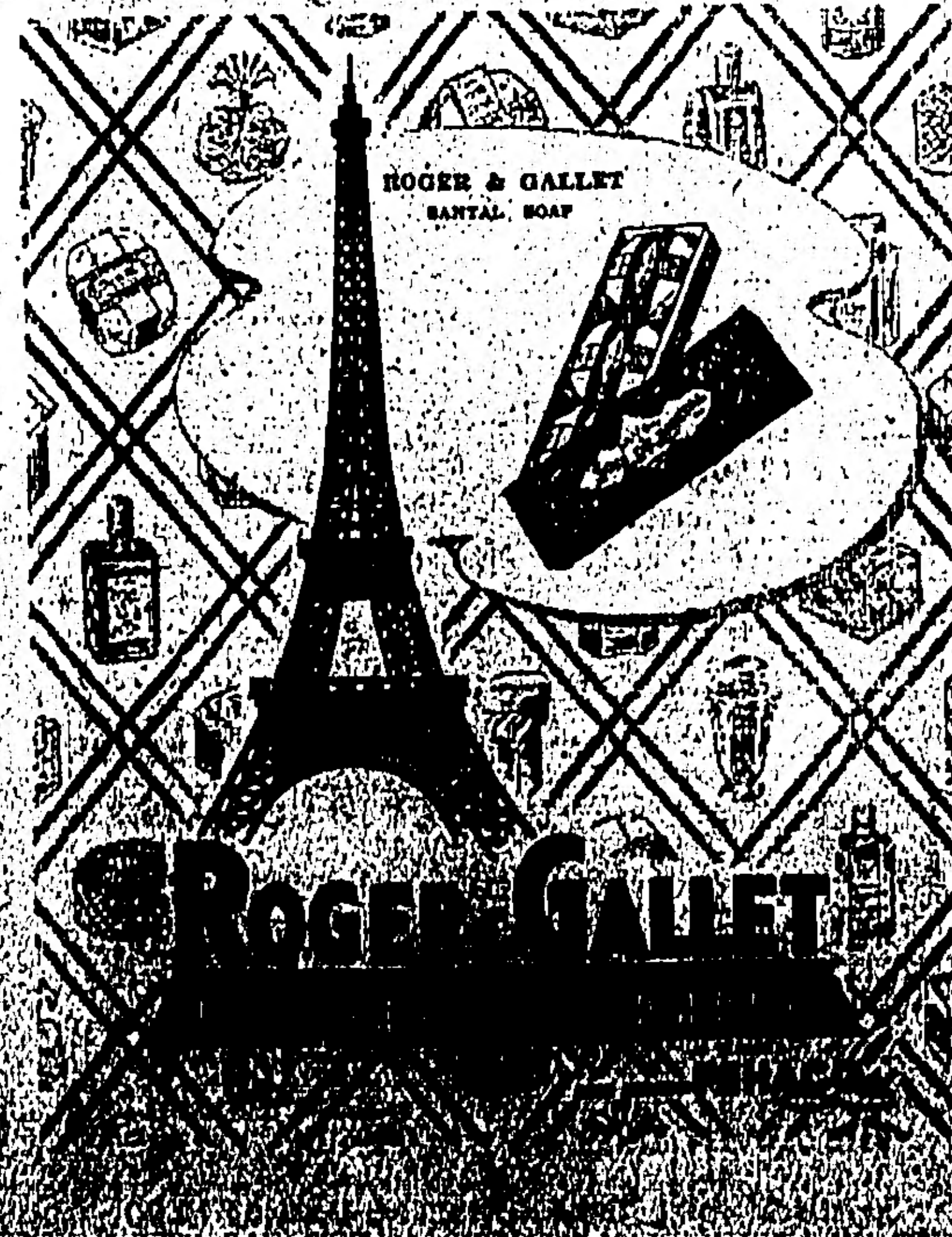
Here is a guide to your week-end reading:
P. 2: Jane Roberts picks her ten best films of the year.
P. 5: The Astonishing Story of Brigham Young: another in the series, World's Strangest Stories. How Young got control of the Mormon movement and his marriages with 27 wives. Harold Law, South Africa's Foreign Minister, talks to Rene MacColl about what the Union intends to do.
P. 6: A World-wide paper-chase traps a forger: King's new chapter in the international search for the stolen manuscript, who still roams, he's no longer Queen Mary MP, says "Fly the men who must accept honours." Anne Sharpley: "Clothes Do Make the Customer." P. 11: Is There Any Hope for Man? new essay by Chapman Pincher, scientist who writes in plain language for the ordinary man. This is his first report on a remarkable mission... to find out from top scientists what lies ahead for everybody in the Age of the Atom. Tom Stacey now home turns up his African notebook and tells you about the Safari. Arts, Giles, Low, Book reviews, and William Blakey.

Hammariskjold Off To Peking

New York, Dec. 30. Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the United Nations Secretary-General, left New York today for Peking on his first leg of his journey to Peking to seek the release of 11 American airmen and other United Nations personnel. "Before his departure Mr. Hammarskjold expressed the belief that his forthcoming talks in Peking with the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, might now help in obtaining the men's release." But he added: "I do not know what the outcome will be. I can only say that I shall do my best."—Reuter.

Soviet Shares Given To China

London, Dec. 30. Soviet shares of the Sino-Soviet Civil Airlines were formally turned to China at a ceremony held in Peking yesterday, the Communist New China News Agency reported today. The transfer was first announced in a Sino-Soviet joint communiqué issued last October. —Reuter.



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GENEVIEVE
EXECUTIVE SUITE
THE CAINE MUTINY
ROMAN HOLIDAY
ACT OF LOVE
ROMEO AND JULIET

—and why

"JULIUS CAESAR" was shown early in January of 1954, yet its dramatic impact is as fresh in the mind now as when it was first released. The whole cast worked as a team, each member appreciating his function in the plot and the result was an extremely polished production.

"Night People" had pace and suspense combined with punchy dialogue. It would be difficult to think of anyone who could have fitted the leading role as well as did Gregory Peck.

"How to Marry a Millionaire" accomplished the difficult job of successfully introducing real humour into a picture starring three girls whose principal claim to fame is their glamorous appearance. Full marks to the producer for both dialogue and looks.

"Knock on Wood" wasn't merely funny, it was witty, sentimental without being slushy, and is probably the best film Danny Kaye has ever made.

"Genevieve" would have been even higher on this list if the plot had been a little more important. There is no

doubt about its humour, and the four principal characters were delightful.

"Executive Suite" was as typically American as any film. "Genevieve" was English. It was smooth, hard boiled in its attitude to the business world and slightly dewy-eyed about the home life of the "nice" couple. It glided along as though on ball bearings, with never a dull moment in spite of the restriction implied by the title.

"The Caine Mutiny" was a good picture, and moves into the outstanding class by virtue of the courtroom scene. Jose Ferrer proved once more what an understanding actor he is, and Humphrey Bogart that he can gain sympathy even when playing a weak character.

"Roman Holiday" might have taken second place if it had been less sentimental. Audrey Hepburn gave one of the most refreshing performances seen on the screen in recent years, and the photography was sharp and interesting.

"Act of Love" was an instantly serious film, compelling continuous attention in spite of an almost entire lack of compensating lightness. Its strength lay in the sincerity with which Kirk Douglas and Dany Robin played the principal parts.

"Romeo and Juliet" was visually the most beautiful picture of the year. That it wasn't Shakespeare is one of the charges that have been levelled at it, but in my opinion this isn't important. It was good cinema.

H. K. S. P. C.

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Current Films

In the MGM film of "Julius Caesar," Louis Calhern as Caesar, Marlon Brando as Mark Antony and Greer Garson as Calpurnia.

Instead of the usual tie-up between Hongkong and Kowloon side theatres there are two changes this weekend.

The LEE only is showing the Franco-Italian production "Queen Marrot" while the GREAT WORLD is showing the same picture as the HOOVER — "Apache."

A Chinese comedy with Mandarin dialogue is the EMPIRE's New Year feature. Its title is "Spring Is in the Air" and it has already proved popular with Malayan audiences.

The KING'S and PRINCESS have "The Black Shield of Falworth," brave knights, fair ladies and black-hearted villains.

At the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA there's the musical "Young at Heart" and "De-siree" and "The Student Prince" continue at the ROXY and BROADWAY for the former, and CAPITOL and LIBERTY for the latter.

"Queen Marrot" is chiefly remarkable for the performance of Francoise Rosay as the fendiish Catherine de Medici.

Here is not a bullying technique, however; she gets her way by coaxing, cajoling and playing off the various factions' one against the other.

It's her complete coldness and lack of feeling for anyone, her sons and daughter included, that is so frightening. Played in a melodramatic way, this part would have been pure farce. Played as it is, Catherine de Medici emerges as the clever woman she must have been.

A fault with this picture is that it goes on too long. At the end of two and a half hours one is feeling a little battered by the plots, counter plots, sword fights and bedroom scenes.

It's nevertheless very entertaining of its type and brings a lot more imagination and than we usually find.

Queen Marrot herself is a joy to look at, the men were a little too well hidden behind their various moustaches and beards to be able to tell if they were handsome or not, but they all behaved as though they were.

Dumas' story, on which the picture is based, starts with the prelude to St. Bartholomew's Eve when all the Protestants were lured to Paris by the promise of a reconciliation between themselves and the Catholics. This was to be brought about by the marriage of their leader, Henry of Navarre, to Catherine de Medici's daughter, Marguerite de Valois.

It was a loveless marriage, but in spite of her Catholic sympathies it was felt that Margaret was not sufficiently biased to agree to the wedding celebrations being used as bait to lull the Protestants into thinking that this was a sincere reconciliation, when in actual fact it was the prelude to a massacre. The preparations went ahead, but she was not told of the plot.

The actor who took the part of Catherine's son, Charles IX, bears a striking resemblance to the pictures of Italians of that period and his warlike eagerness is as frightening as his mother's cold-blooded cruelty.

This is a picture to appeal to adult-minded lovers of swash-buckling.

"A GLOOMY BURT"

Burt Lancaster is a very gloomy fellow indeed in "Apache" and like the rugged mountain cat that he's depicted in the publicity he's a hard white man and not a smiling "live" to be presumed that he's happy in the part. He is the opposite of the "Young at Heart" star, who is a very sunny fellow indeed.

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"WANTS SHAKING"

Doris Day is once again the professional ray of sunshine in "The Young at Heart"—and she makes her usual good job of it.

She's been given better songs, more interesting settings and a background cast more suitable for her to work with than in, say, "Lucky Me."

On the other hand, you may not like Frank Sinatra's role of the pugacious all-the-worlds-against-me wall. His self pity even though it's intentionally laid on thickly is theatrical enough for you to want to shake him.

Wags have said that the scene of this is made up of his previous failures to play more serious parts.

It's strange why "Apache" is showing at the LEE only. One of the things that was picked for the LEE was "Queen Marrot" and "The Student Prince" and "The Black Shield of Falworth" and "The Caine Mutiny" and "Roman Holiday" and "Act of Love" and "Romeo and Juliet" and "Night People" and "Executive Suite" and "Genevieve" and "Knock on Wood" and "How to Marry a Millionaire" and "Julius Caesar" and "The Student Prince" and "The Black Shield of Falworth" and "The Caine Mutiny" and "Roman Holiday" and "Act of Love" and "Romeo and Juliet" and "Night People" and "Executive Suite" and "Genevieve" and "Knock on Wood" and "How to Marry a Millionaire" and "Julius Caesar" and "The Student Prince" and "The Black Shield of Falworth" and "The Caine Mutiny" and "Roman Holiday" and "Act of Love" and "Romeo and Juliet" and "Night People" and "Executive Suite" and "Genevieve" and "Knock on Wood" and "How to Marry a Millionaire" and "Julius Caesar" and "The Student Prince" and "The Black Shield of Falworth" and "The Caine Mutiny" and "Roman Holiday" and "Act 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"Two-Gun" Cohen's Plea For Sun Yat-sen Memorial

General Morris ("Two-Gun") Cohen, former aide to China's first President Sun Yat-sen said Communist China had promised to perpetuate Sun's memory.

In an interview Mr Cohen said he had called on Mr Huan Hsiang, China's recently appointed Charge d'Affaires in London, to ask him if Sun's memorial in the Chinese Embassy would continue to be maintained and honoured.

In October 1896 Sun was kidnapped by the then Imperial Chinese legation and kept prisoner for some weeks in an upper room at 40 Portland Place which eventually became the Chinese Nationalist Embassy.

Sun was eventually freed through the good offices of an English friend, Sir James Cantile and finally returned to China to overthrow the Manchu dynasty and became the "Father of the Revolution" which established the Chinese Republic.

Kept Prisoner

For nearly 60 years the room in which Sun was kept prisoner has been maintained as a memorial by a succession of Chinese Ambassadors.

On January 6, 1950 when Britain withdrew recognition of the Nationalist regime the Embassy was vacated.

With the appointment of Communist China's first diplomatic envoy in October, however, renovations were undertaken and there was some question as to whether Sun's memorial would be maintained.

Mr Cohen, a lifelong friend of Sun Yat-sen said his visit to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires was to ask if China would undertake to maintain the memorial.

An Assurance

"I was received by a counsellor named Li Hsin—a Cantonese. He assured me that the room in which Sun was imprisoned would be maintained as a memorial in its original state. I asked him particularly if I could make this public and he agreed most cordially and courteously," Mr Cohen said.

Mr Cohen said he regarded Communist China's avowed recognition of Sun Yat-sen as "most significant" and a "stepping stone" to China's peaceful unification.

"Although I am a member of the tribe of Israel I am not a prophet of Israel but it is my belief that China will be unified a great deal sooner than the world at this moment believes. When China is unified it will mean economic salvation for the United States and Europe for at least 100 years," Mr Cohen said.

He said he first met Sun Yat-sen in 1907 and, after World War I he went to China to become Sun's aide and bodyguard in which his duties were varied to the legend that he carried two holstered guns under his armpits.

Sun Was Lucky

Sun Yat-sen attempted his first revolutionary coup in China in 1895. It failed and his fellow conspirators were caught and put to death.

Sun was lucky and escaped to Britain where he started again to organise skilled Chinese into a revolutionary movement and to distribute anti-Manchu propaganda throughout the world.

He was so successful that the Imperial Government of China put a price of £100,000 on his head.

He was warned by British friends that the Chinese legation would seek to capture him, spirit him away to China and put him to death.

Stepping Stone?

Sun ignored their warnings and one night in October, 1895 he was seized by Chinese legation servants and imprisoned in a small upper room with barred windows, an iron bedstead and a bare wooden table.

It was this room which has since been maintained as a shrine to his memory and a room which, "Two-Gun" Cohen believes, can serve as a stepping stone to peace between the two Chinas of today—United Press.

New Use For Nazi S.S. Camps

Glaserbach, Austria. Chintz curtains, potted geraniums and children's toys now brighten the infamous Glaserbach barracks where Adolf Hitler's SS killers once trained for terror.

The Glaserbach camp is the newest home established in Austria by the United States Escape Programme (USEP) for families who have escaped from behind the Iron Curtain.

Nearly 300 men, women and children from eight Communist countries live in barracks rebuilt to resemble normal private homes. Their quarters are separate units complete with cooking and washing facilities.

There is a kindergarten, library, central laundry, recreation rooms, and shops where refugees learn skills to fit them for a new life—carpentry, cobbling, tool making, plumbing, and more than half a dozen others.

Since 1948 more than 100,000 East Europeans have braved Communist secret police, barbed wire, bullets and landmines to escape to the West. They continue to slip through the Iron Curtain at a rate of several hundred a month, officials say.

The United States Escape Programme was set up two years ago to assist their rehabilitation.—United Press.

Emilie's Death A Tragic Blow To The Dionne Quins

Corbell, Ontario. The four surviving Dionne quintuplets are still trying to live normal lives — but none of them have managed to get over the death of their sister last August.

Most of Canada and millions throughout the world shared the family sorrow when Emilie Dionne—when they had prayed for at birth, whom they had watched grow up, and whom they felt they knew as intimately as the girl next door—died of an epileptic stroke.

Thus a disease which rarely kills separated Canada's famed quintuplets, taking the life of the shyest, least happy of the healthy, fun-loving girls.

She Was Alone

But when death came to Emilie Dionne, she was alone. She had only recently become a probationary nun and was staying at a Laurentian rest home operated by the Oblate Sisters of Immaculate Mary. On August 6, she complained of not feeling well at breakfast and returned to her room. A nun looked in her room at 9.15 in the morning and reported she was sleeping comfortably. At 10.30, the nun returned and found Emilie dead. Emilie died exactly 20 years after her birth.

The surviving quints and the other members of the Dionne family took her death hard. They knew she was ill, because from the time she was three she had had fainting spells. But they thought Emilie

had a long illness, rather than sudden death. They were not prepared for her death so suddenly and so far from home.

She was not a family friend: "I doubt if they will ever be the same again now that Emilie is gone forever."

The story of her death and funeral was told in the world's newspapers and over radio stations around the globe. Thousands filed silently past her bier. Crowds gathered outside the Dionne home to sympathize with the parents. There were telegrams of condolences from such high church dignitaries as Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

But even before Emilie's death, the quins, as was natural, had started to go about their individual ways.

Left Convent

The first break came when Marie, the smallest and the frailest, decided to enter a Quebec City convent of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament a year ago. Ill-health forced her to leave nine months later, a month before Emilie's death.

Meanwhile, Annette, Cecile and Emilie were studying at the Institut Familial in Nicolet, Quebec, and Yvonne was studying art at the Notre Dame Convent in Montreal.

When they graduated from their teens, on May 28, 1954, only four of the famous sisters were together to open their presents and to rejoice over a joint gift, a convertible car from their father, Olive Dionne. The fifth, Marie, was at the convent.

After Emilie's death, the four survivors picked up the threads of their lives and tried to settle down to a new life.

Abandoned Plans

Marie had abandoned her plans to become a nun and entered a Montreal college to study French literature with her sister, Annette, who was studying music. The three, Cecile and Yvonne, started to train as nurses in a Montreal suburb, Ville St. Laurent. But this month, Marie, still terribly shaken by her sister's death, suddenly left her literature studies and returned home. The girl, who was the youngest of the quins and who fought a battle for survival for a week after her birth, was again in ill health. Fred and thin, she is suffering from loss of appetite, weariness and uncertainty.

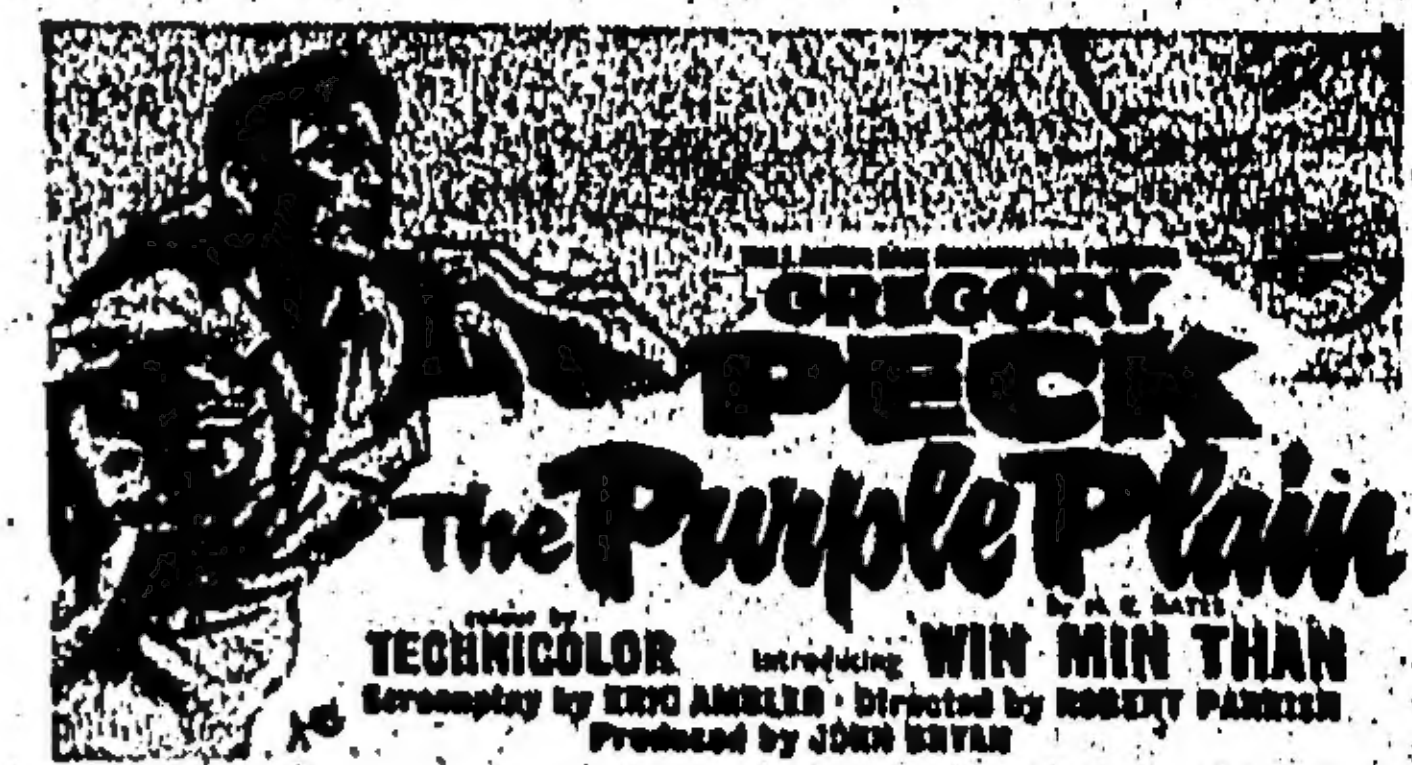
But as far as money is concerned, none of the quins have to worry. As Emilie died as a minor, her share of a fortune estimated at well over a \$1,000,000 will go to the other four. Next May, the four come into the money which is the proceeds of contracts for food advertising, film rights to their birth story and publication rights to photographs which sold by the millions.

21 Next May

So far, the four, who will be 21 next May, have not had boyfriends. Their father, who was neither richer nor poorer than his neighbours until the quins' birth, says they will know when the man each wants to marry comes along. And because he has always fought against publicity and wants his famous daughters to have a normal life, he has again asked the public to allow his daughters to make their way in privacy. He has said repeatedly that they are "nice girls" and now all he wants is for the four to be as happy and normal as his other nine children are.—United Press.

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THOMAS Percy Henry Touchet Touchet-Jesson, the 23rd Baron Audley, is a peer with a business brain. After a visit to France a couple of years ago, he wanted to open a shop to sell fine, painted glass. And now he has achieved his ambition in London's West End. He is seen holding two brandy goblets. (Express)



TELEVISION'S Joan Gilbert (right) being presented with a bouquet of flowers upon her arrival to open the RSPCA Fair at the Peace Memorial Hall, Ashted, Surrey.



SANTA CLAUS (alias Jim Taylor of Eastbourne) gives a cheery wave of greeting to Beachy Head lighthouse-men as he nears the end of his long trek over the rock at low tide.



BOARDING their bus to take them to London Airport for the start of their 12-week tour of Korea and Far East bases are entertainers Les Murphy, Jean Brampton, Molra Briody and Eddie Reindeer.



THE Prime Minister's actress daughter, Sarah Churchill, having a Christmas cracker tussle with six-year-old Christopher Newman at the "Actresses Gay" children's party held at the Dorchester Hotel, London.



LEFT: Twenty-year-old Janet Turner will be giving up her job in an insurance office to be London's Television Easter Bride. Viewers will see her taking lessons in cooking and housework and buying her trousseau. (Express)

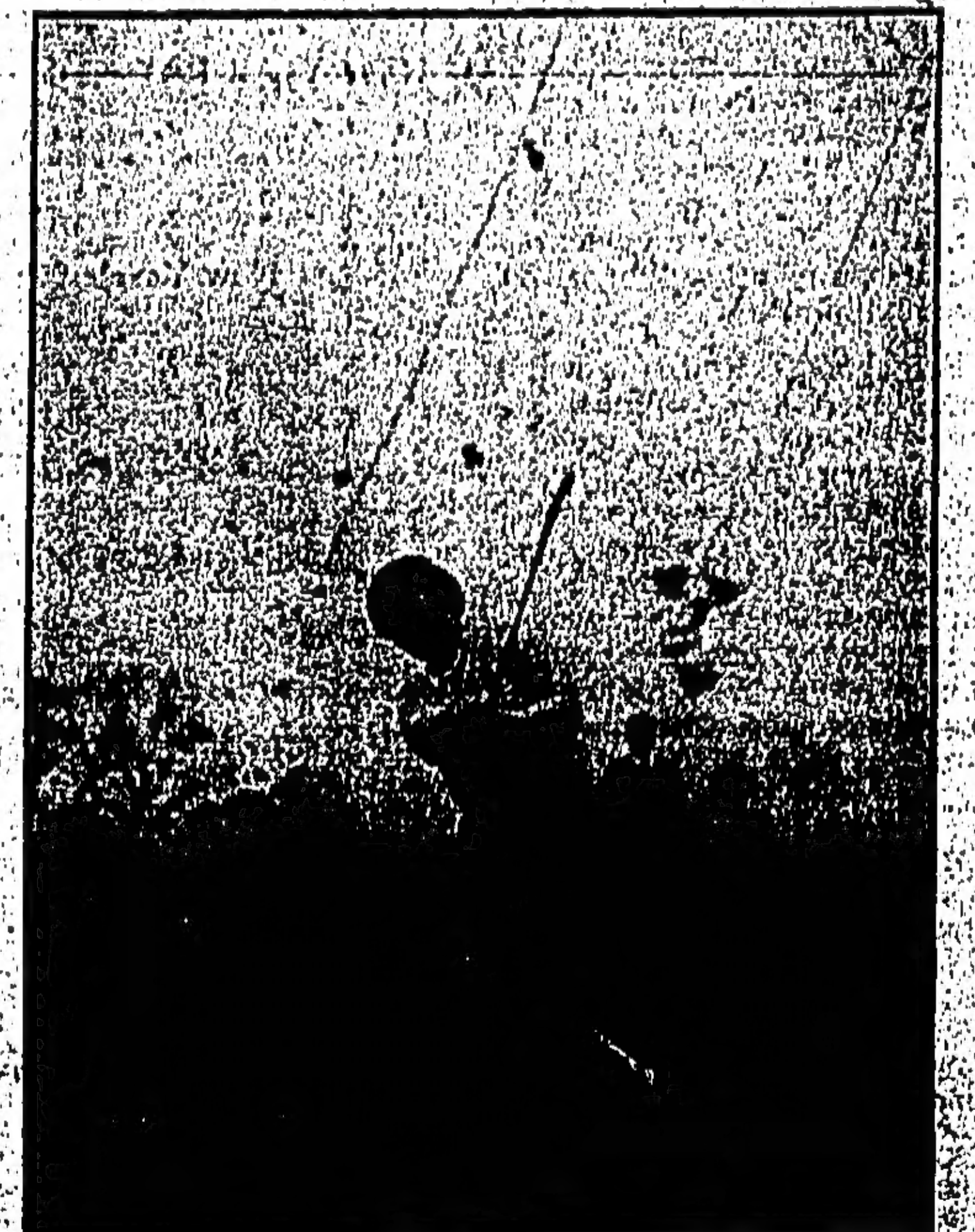
ON its return from service in the Far East, the 1st Battalion, the Norfolk Regiment, was officially welcomed in Norwich. Picture shows HM Lieutenant for Norfolk, Lt-Col Sir Edmund Bacon, taking the salute in front of the City Hall.



AN old custom was revived at the Whitefriars Glassworks, Wealdstone, Middlesex, to celebrate Christmas. Instead of water to quench their thirst, the glassblowers were provided with beer, which they drank from a variety of drinking vessels of their own making. Some of them are seen enjoying their yards of ale during the morning shift.



A trio of chimps at the London Zoo, Regent's Park, form their own orchestra with toys from their Christmas sack, sent to them from their admirers. From the left, they are Fifi, Joey and Wendy.



MISS Edith Meadowcroft, whose engagement to Mr. Herbert Morrison, deputy leader of the Labour Party, has been announced, has a little bunker trouble while playing golf at Rochdale, Lancashire. The wedding will take place in January. (Express)



STATE Trumpeters sounding the band at the start of the New Year's Eve celebrations. The band is seen playing in the foreground, with the city lights visible in the background.

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Pity the men who must accept honours...

by LORD HAILSHAM

who still regrets he is no longer Quintin Hogg, M.P.

ON New Year's Day the morning papers will contain a list of those whom the Queen has honoured. These will include one or two on whom her Majesty will have conferred the highest honour in her power to bestow, a peerage of the United Kingdom.

The names of these gentlemen (for this purpose women are ritually unclean) will have been very carefully screened.

Candidates themselves are approached in circumstances of the utmost secrecy to see whether they are prepared to accept the honour.

In addition, discreet inquiries are made into every conceivable aspect of their private and public lives to make quite sure that no one whose name goes forward is in any way unsuitable.

That, side by side with the published list, there will be a longer and involuntary Honour, last which will not be published. For a peerage of the United Kingdom does not die with the original recipient.

The right and duty to sit in the Lords House of Parliament passes down with the title from generation to generation so long as, to quote from the strictly language of the letters patent, there remain "heirs male of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten."

No one anticipates this supplementary list of involuntary peers. No one knows if they are suitable. No one asks if they are willing, nor are they permitted to decline the honour.

As many of us know, in the latter part of the 19th century, many are not suitable and as many are not willing.

As a result, it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain an adequate supply of suitable new peers, especially from the Socialist Party, except among the elderly and the childless.

But the unwillingness to accept honours for the sake of one's children is not by any means confined to Socialists or supporters of the Left.

It is generally believed that, among others, Mr L. S. Amery would have been made a peer but for his regard for his son Mr Julian Amery, who is in the House of Commons. If this is correct, he certainly would not be the only Conservative to adopt this attitude.

One of the very few created, Scarsdale, and Selborne, all Socialists, peers who possess a noble line is the first Viscount Stansgate.

I have a special affection for Viscount Stansgate because, not so long ago, he was introduced to the notice of a public meeting as "Viscount Stansgate whom we all remember so much better as Quintin Hogg." Thus do we lose our identity when we change our names.

There is, however, now another link between us. Lord Stansgate's second but eldest surviving son, the Hon. Anthony Neil Wedgwood Benn, Socialist M.P. for S.E. Bristol since 1930, does not wish, at the early age of 29, to leave the Commons.

Since his father is now 77, this is no remote possibility. In order to avoid this fate, he has chosen, before his father's death, to petition the House of Lords for the passage of a private Bill which would relieve him of the succession.



WEDGWOOD BENN

Link between us

of Lords?" he asked

Selborne.

"Sir," replied Wolmer, "I am a Peer of the United Kingdom, but not a Lord of Parliament."

Unfortunately his protest was in vain. There were two rough debates, followed by a select committee, but the vote went against Wolmer.

The second of the three heirs, George Nathaniel Curzon, Lord Scarsdale's heir, was so averse to entering the House of Lords that when, three years later, he was made Viceroy of India he insisted on being given a title in the obsolete peerage of Ireland, which does not carry a seat in the Upper House or disqualification from sitting in the Commons.

But Mr. Wedgwood Benn could also be counted on more powerful support than mine. Among his sympathisers is believed to be included Sir Winston Churchill.

The Prime Minister has the best of reasons for this sympathy. If Sir Winston's uncle, the 8th Duke of Marlborough, had died, as did Anthony's elder brother Michael Benn, at any time before his marriage, which took place on November 8, 1909, Sir Winston would never have been Prime Minister.

Indeed, he would never have been allowed to sit in the House of Commons at all.

His father, Lord Randolph Churchill, would have inherited the family honours and, on January 24, 1895, Winston Churchill, then not aged 21, would have succeeded his father as 10th Duke of Marlborough.

Forty-six years later the British people would have been deprived of the services of the greatest commoner of all time in the hour of their greatest trial.

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This is my answer to those who say that the present system works well. A system which would have deprived Winston Churchill of his political career and made no chance of survival of the British people in 1940 dependent at least in part on the whimsical operation of the complicated laws of feudal descent, does not work well if freighted with peril to the community, and is not one which is safe to continue until it combines disaster with absurdity.

Anthony Wedgwood Benn and I are both the British members of the Lower House to "complain of the injustice of compulsory elevation."

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'It is intolerable that they cannot use their abilities in the service of their country'

Viscount Lambton, heir to the Earl of Durham.

Hon. Peter Leigh, heir to Lord Newton.

Hon. David Ormsby-Gore, heir to Lord Harlech.

Hon. Richard Stanley, heir to the Earl of Derby.

In addition to the inconvenience to their constituents, all of these will one day be compelled without notice to break off their political careers.

From the time of their succession they will be incapable of sitting in the House of Commons. They will be barred from holding many of the highest offices, including those of Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer, and, probably, Minister of Labour and Law Officer.

And they will suffer the additional misfortune of knowing

that these disabilities will attach to their death to any son who may succeed them.

Small wonder that Mr Wedgwood Benn is petitioning the House of Lords to be allowed to remain as he is.

Lords reform, an urgent necessity since 1911, has been held up for 40 years by the inability of the Tories to agree to face the issue, and by the determination of the Socialists to block all suggestions for change in order to weaken and hold up to ridicule our Second Chamber.

In the meantime it is surely intolerable that generations of young men, sincere and able like Mr Benn, should be deprived of their rights of citizenship and an equal opportunity to use their abilities in the service of their country.

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Planning a shopping expedition? Will you make certain that you set out of your well-groomed best? Because you feel sure that extra time and trouble taken will be repaid in greater attention and better service? Then you will be pleased to find that when ANNE SHARPLEY put this theory to the test she found it proved.

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I MAY not belong to Michigan, but the Women of Michigan can count me in. In a recent survey two out of three of them said that being well-dressed helps them get better service in the Michigan stores.

"Shop assistants don't care much for poorly dressed customers," was their conclusion. To put this to the test in London I revived the slacks in which I did the decorating and the shoes I walked round Ireland in. I dug up a shooting jerkin and discovered a forgotten windcheater. Clad in these nostalgic emblems I went to do my shopping in the West End.

My entrance through the doors of one of the more famous stores got me a startled look from a superb gentleman obviously prepared for such an emergency.

He stopped, putting the head of a customer's poodle and bore down on me quickly.

"Can I help?" I asked where bamboo shoots were to be bought in the shop.

Having been dismissed rather than directed I made my way to the also-superb gentleman in charge of bamboo shoots. After seeming unaware of me for a full minute he disappeared the moment I made my request and returned with a tin in the end, however I decided on bean shoots as they were only half the price.

But I felt there was something of a gentle reproach to my parsimony in the way the assistant left my lone, unwrapped tin on the counter, and then simply walked away.

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He only accepted his U.K. title more than 29 years later, after he was already disqualified by succeeding to the Scarsdale barony.

Curzon was present. But for his U.K. peerage, in 1923 he might well have succeeded to the Law of Prime Minister in place of Stanley Baldwin.

Another example of the vagaries of the hereditary system.

Counting Tony Benn, there are nine members of the House of Commons on the Compulsory Honours List.

The other eight are:—

Hon. John Grimston, heir to Earl of Verulam.

Viscount Hinchinbrooke, heir to the Earl of Sandwich.

Hon. L. W. Jayson-Micks, heir to Viscount Brentford.

Hon. George Lambert, heir to Viscount Lambert.

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Since, when my own father died in 1930, I also asked the Government of the day for general legislation exempting heirs to peerages from the necessity of succeeding to their fathers' seats in the House of Lords, I have a certain fellow feeling for the Hon. Anthony.

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SECRETS OF INTERNATIONAL CRIME INSIDE STORY OF INTERPOL A WORLD-WIDE "PAPER CHASE"

By A. J. FORREST

COUNTERFEITERS chain out, millions in fake money today. Unless hunted down ruthlessly by world police forces, they would sensationally disrupt national economies.

In their secret printing presses, some of them quite modern, operating in legitimate businesses, but used secretly at week-ends, or at night, they turn out prodigious piles of pound notes, U.S. dollars, French, Belgian and Swiss francs, Deutschemark notes, Spanish pesetas, Italian lire, Ethiopian dollars, worth at face value fantastic millions, but intrinsically rubbish.

Breath-Taking

One haul, recently effected by that watchdog of France's franc notes, the Financial Section of the French Surete, retrieved hot from a clandestine printing press hidden in a cellar, a hoard of counterfeit U.S. dollars masquerading as \$20,000,000 worth of paper money. Some fake money millionaires have owned glittering bars and girl friends along the Côte d'Azur, and lived in super luxury hotels. But their heyday is brief.

Crooks engaged in counterfeiting, explained an Interpol staff officer, are never "beginners." They are hardened, extra-cunning criminals, many with a long police record behind them. But, apart from being experienced as law breakers, their technical skill as printers, block-makers, engravers and photographers, enables them to utter forgeries of baffling good quality.

Their boldness is breath-taking. One gang had the effrontery to raid the State Bank of France, steal a quantity of its specially processed, 1,000-franc paper, and then use this as the basis for its home-made 1,000-franc notes.

Their craftily planned raids crop up, too, in surprising places. The police discovered, not long ago, a counterfeit gang sunning themselves in Central Africa while they waited for a gang of German printers to furnish them with several hundred thousand forged pound notes. These they planned to

distribute throughout British West Africa.

Only a short time back, two Scotland Yard officers flew to Paris to investigate fake pound notes, circulating in London. Their origin was an illicit cell in Marwalles.

Counterfeiters need first of all considerable capital to develop their plans. Because of this outlay, far heavier than for most criminal activities, they are especially apt in covering up their tracks and putting the police on to false scents.

But here again, the old rule, "Cherchez la femme," applies. Once having spotted a counterfeiter, watch him, identify his girl friends, and keep an eye on the cafes he frequents. Then observe his male companions. When he is seen with other criminal technicians, he is sure to be hatching some new fake money mischief.

Usually, many months of patient, painstakingly accurate, undercover investigations are needed before a perfectly timed police raid can catch a gang red-handed, their rot-vy presses throbbing, as the cylinders disgorge their wealth.

Just such a raid, a real copy-book triumph, took place off the Rue Raymond-Losserand, Mon-parnasse. The identification, then the shadowing individually of these criminals, involved detectives in thousands of hours of tedious observation.

Spreading The Risk

Then one morning, at seven a.m., police officers in mufti slipped quietly into vintage posts around an obscure backstreet printing works. While they watched, crouching, the principal conspirators assembled. Then, four hours later, came the long-awaited and rhythmic staccato of printing presses in full production.

The chief inspector crept forward and hurled a brick through the frosted window of their printing shop. It was the closest in signal. As his men darted forward, he peered through the jagged glass and saw his quarry recoil like scalded cats from their machine at the foot of which were piles of uncut counterfeit notes.

But as the crooks dashed for the exit, they tumbled over the other into the law's sure grip.

For a time the production of fake twenty-Deutschemark notes ceased off. On the printing press's pile of green-lined sheets, except for being cut, they were ready for Western Germany's fake money markets. There were vast piles of notes destined for other markets, too. This gang, like several others, believed in spreading its risks by floating forged notes in several currencies.

Then detectives investigated the gang's "women folk." Girl friends now get little chance to go into hiding, or live expensively, on forged "rewards" until their masters, free of goal, can engineer fresh mischief. They, too, may be suddenly bankrupt and reduced to an unglamorous existence behind bars.

Secrets In Silk Pillow

The Rue Raymond-Losserand denouement caused one gangster's girl, at least, to rail against her sudden plunge from idle luxury. For just as she was turning into her satin divan bed, in her ecstatically perfumed apartment, police knocked and, scarcely allowing her time to rise from her bed, entered.

"You're counterfeit notes here," said the inspector. "Non, non," the girl protested. But it needed only half-a-minute's search to reveal, hidden under the bed, a large trunk, stuffed not only with counterfeit dollar notes, but with all the tools and equipment needed for forging passports.

The fair deceiver took the blow philosophically. She sat down on her bed and said: "I suppose you've found enough. So perhaps I can sleep again, undisturbed."

"In the cells, without doubt. Dress, mademoiselle, if you please. We must search your bed."

And there, sewn into a pocket in her embroidered silk pillow, the inspector uncovered further wads of false money. But their best find in this now shattered love nest was her boy friend's account book. In it he had imprudently entered details of his latest sales, totalling 800,000

counterfeit dollars, and 450,000 fraudulent Belgian francs.

He called himself a commercial traveller, but instead of selling silks, as he pretended, his sales consisted entirely of fake notes. And, being a man of method, he had also recorded names, and addresses of some regular customers with whom he operated a "current account."

The chief actors in this conspiracy were all old legs. One crook, first sentenced in 1929 for drug trafficking, had a long list of serious offences, including swindling, trafficking in ration cards, and breach of trust. He was the gang's chief financial backer—elected in legal currency. Another member had a record of white slave trafficking, swindling and carrying arms.

Viper's Nest

Undoubtedly, whenever an international counterfeiting gang is quashed today, a viper's nest of pestilential crime is blotted out—temporarily at least. These forgers—never, unfortunately, put away long enough in Continental gaols—rarely lose time on release before trying to scoup their losses.

During 1931, thanks largely to Interpol's reports and interceptions, 25 counterfeiting shops were raided. In 1932, and in the first quarter of last year, 13 more dens were cleaned up. In 1932, Interpol dealt with 582 cases concerned with the uttering of counterfeit money, as opposed to 394 such cases during the previous year. So vigilance must remain world-wide and absolutely unrelaxing. The law is greatly helped by the fact that most counterfeiters are known criminals. Hence the enormous value of Interpol's filing system. They distribute circulars which require suspects' convictions, characteristics and physical qualities. So, as the crooks move from country to country, police forces can be warned, and the miscreants watched far more closely than they ever suspect.

As an example of Interpol's long range interceptions, the sleek boss of an Argentinian counterfeit gang came unstuck suddenly. In Buenos Aires, he and his gang manufactured some impressively accurate U.S. 100-dollar notes. Then, desiring a super-holiday, the gang leader flew to Europe, his pockets well-lined, ready to be gratified by exotic pleasures.

Tagged

But, fast as he flew, the intelligence about his activities preceded him. Not only that, but samples of his faked bills, packed up in Argentina and forwarded to Interpol's anti-counterfeiting section at The Hague, were analysed and classified. Then European police forces received new information about their visitor, including precise details of the ink, paper style of printing, and pattern colouring "flaws" embedded in his fraudulent bills.

Banks in Brussels, then in Rome, reported utterances of these now unmistakable notes. Without realising it, the master forger was sowing a paper trail, half across the world, to his very doorstep as distinctly as if he wore the quarry in some school-boy paper chase. Then, as he stood in a Paris bank, the assistant cashier summoned the police.

Next Week: Air Dash Foiled Baby-Killer's Freedom Bid

Clothes do make the customer

The superb gentleman (who somehow looked not so superb), actually carried my provisions to the cash desk for me. Presented them with a low bow and a profusion of "Madams."

My lingering over the delicacies was not misinterpreted and the poodle I borrowed made a lot of friends.

I tried on a suit, several hats, and bought that bottle of perfume.

But I had proved something more than that better clothes got better service. Better clothes found made me a wiser shopper.

In my ancient emblems I was a stumpy, economic buyer. But in full Michigan rig I bought far more than I needed and at higher prices.

By Frank Robbins

JOHNNY HAZARD

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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

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Do You Stand Up For Little Miss Stand-Alone?

DO you like the Modern girl? She is your daughter, or maybe you.

She is the girl who is always in the news, pet of the bishops and head of the judges.

She is top among the things that are not what they were.

DO YOU like her views on love? Is it immoral or is it common sense that...

She goes off on holiday with her young man, paying her share and braving the raised eyebrows of her mother. She tends to take a romantic view of weddings and a more practical one of marriage. She talks about sex as casually as about the weather, she considers it part of her business if her friends have affairs before they marry, and she admits the possibility of divorce before she weds.

DO YOU like the way she looks? Does it make for enviable chic of a touch of hardness that...

She is so well groomed, well made up and smartly dressed for very little money. She prefers to dash off and buy the latest mass-produced fashion in the shops instead of designing or making her own clothes. She spends her pin money on cropped hair instead of hats, her ideal of good looks is a model girl, her contribution to fashion is to make casual mannish clothes like slacks and outsize sweaters look chic.

DO YOU like the way she has been educated? Has it taught her to hold her place with men—or made her lose her charm as a woman that...

She has learned a technical skill that will get her a job, but relies on picking up baby-craft, mothercraft, and home-craft by the way.

Her lodestar is success outside the home—in money, fame, or enterprise.

Are you sympathetic with the modern girl's dilemma—that, having got the same rights as a man in her work, she has lost the right to expect him to stand for her on the bus home? Do you think it is rough on her? Or do you think she has got what she deserves?

For Sake Of Beauty

GIVE YOUR SKIN THE ICE CHILL

By Vivian Sande

ONE of your best beauty aids comes from the refrigerator and costs you nothing, it's the ice cube.

Who says so? Mrs. Teresa Fischer, a veteran of 50 years in the beauty business, who advocates the ice cube for the morning skin pick-me-up.

"Wonderful for skin care," said Mrs. Fischer who has given beauty advice to movie queens and queens of nations. "Rub the cube over your face, it stimulates circulation."

At night, give the skin a good scrubbing with soap and water and a loofah sponge. Rub in a nourishing cream and leave on overnight. Next morning, she said, don't wash the face just give it the chill.

BE DIFFERENT

Mrs. Fischer, whose skin is an excellent recommendation for her beauty care, also offers this advice—be different. If you would be beautiful.

"American women are visually attractive," said she. "But they look dull compared to European women. American women seem afraid to look like themselves."

"They try to be beautiful to a pattern," she said, "in an imitative way."

Mrs. Fischer, who had just returned from a lengthy tour of

Europe, said she found women abroad follow the rule of "individuality first."

"One will accent a full mouth rather than use her lipstick to make it look smaller," she said. "Another will accent an arched eyebrow rather than thin it to conform to style."

ADVISER TO ROYALTY

She believes the tendency of European women to dramatize themselves visually is based on tradition set by famous beauties of earlier days.

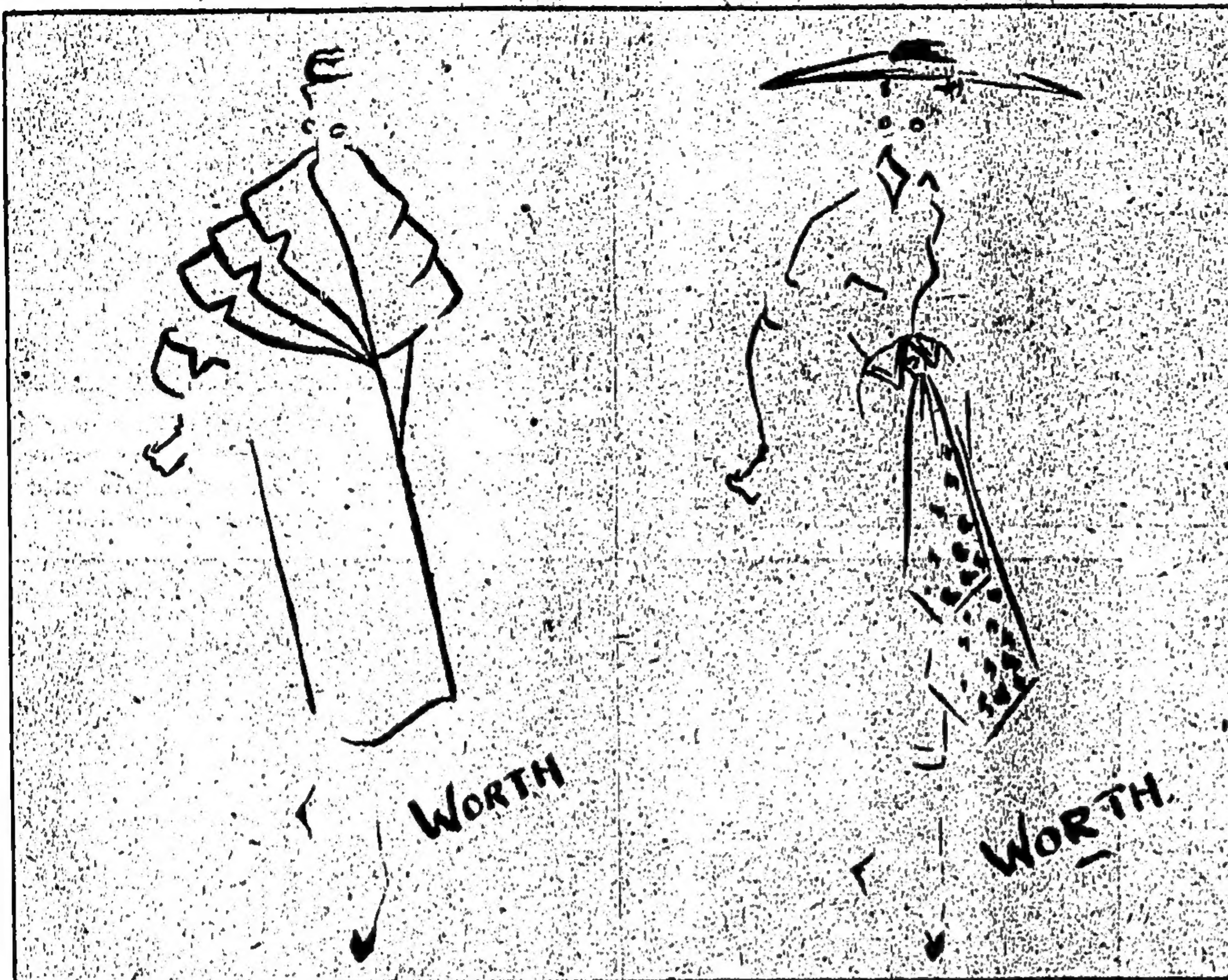
"Mrs. Fischer went to work when she was 14 for the Morn Co. in Vienna. She now is with the same company in New York."

She has been adviser to many international beauties, including Empress Elizabeth of Austria, Hungary, three generations of Norwegian, Danish and Swedish royalty, and stars of stage, screen and opera.

One of her favorite clients was Queen Marie of Rumania. "Now there was a beautiful woman," said Mrs. Fischer. "She was light-skinned, blonde, and no matter what the fashion of the day, her makeup always accentuated her fragile fairness."

As the comedian says, "Marie of Rumania's companion in beauty but opposite in life was a little actress, Louise Rainer, who once told me, 'I don't want to look like any body but Louise Rainer.'"

Fashion Highlights From Paris



Left: "Alfa-Romeo", created by Worth, is a black camel hair coat with three large collars forming a cape. Right: This black woollen dress by Worth, known as "Adonis", is enhanced by a white satin "file" with black spots. — Agence, France-Press.

Did Princess Margaret Get The Hair Style She Wanted?

By ANNE SHARPLEY

EVERYONE has been talking about Princess Margaret's new hair style. Some people like it. Some don't.

But what I wonder is whether the style is what Princess Margaret herself really wanted.

All I know is that I never get what I want. My moments of greatest disillusion have been in those beauty parlours known as West End "salons."

With faith I have time and again gone to have my hair "styled and set." Time and again I have left in a

rage at how wrong hairdressers can be about me. Classic style, I look like a debased Roman statue. Poodle style, I look like a sheep. With curls I am a monolith wearing a cut-down King Charles wig.

Taking my crowning glory along to be styled is akin to abdication for me. I would prefer to go to the dentist instead.

But with the holiday spirit comes the hope that this time the mistaken efforts of some well-known hairdresser won't have to be held under the tap for ten minutes.

So along I went to one of the best-known names in London to see if he couldn't reframe the Sharpley features.

For capturing a harem atmosphere there is no place like a hairdresser's salon. One goes to be hot, scented, pampered and surrounded by self-absorbed luxuriating women.

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Nothing like it for bringing out the old Babylonian in women.

The Great Man appears. He is like the carnation in his buttonhole, rather tired. Running a comb through my hair, he hums distractedly.

"No curls," I say. "I don't want to look like Lawrence Harvey in Rome."

More distracted humming.

"Funny you should mention that," he says at last. "He came here for his hair in Rome."

An acolyte is called and in beautiful hairdresser's prose it is explained how the style should be set.

I am handed over to a very pretty but very firm girl who leads me to another room. "It's by a macabre blue light," I don't know why, where I bend

over backwards to have my hair shampooed. Utterly cowed I am led to the golden-painted hair drier. It is shaped like the abdomen of a bee. Under it I endure three-quarters of an hour of unspeakable misery.

When I crawl out my head feels as though it had come off a hot chestnut barrow. The medieval trimmings are taken away. In

my mirror I see a well-baked but disarming little hair style that actually suits me.

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Then I am struck by the familiarity of it all. I can't wait to get home to turn up that awful album of snapshots.

Yes, there it was. A new hair style maybe—but exactly the same as I had when I was seven years old!

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Evening Gown With Unique Design



WHAT BURNS A HOLE IN YOUR BUDGET?

Personal Extravagance And—Economy

By EILEEN ASCROFT

EVERY month when my flower bill arrives I vow to stop being so extravagant about flowers. It is one of my personal weaknesses and I would rather walk to the office and have roses in my bedroom.

Most of us have some personal extravagance that we don't grudge spending money on—and other small, senseless economies that give us a virtuous feeling of saving our pennies. My economy is returning the empties. Empty bottles, jars, boxes or packing crates—it makes no difference, I just have to return them and collect the deposit.

What about other people? PERFUME is the weakness of newly-appointed store boss, Miss Anne Hammond. "I use it every day," she says. "Jaxie are another personal indulgence. I tell myself that in the long run it saves time."

Her two pet economies are "a very strict household budget" and "No flowers in my office, though I'd like to have red roses on my desk every day. Although I even grow roses in my own garden I grudge picking them for the office."

On record

HATS AND RECORDS are the temptations. Miss Elaine Burton, MP, finds it hard to resist.

Long-playing records, especially ballet and opera "I buy even when I can't really afford them." But Miss Burton confesses, she loves a household bargain, and is prepared to spend time and energy tracking them down. Books are another of her personal economies. "I buy non-fiction but grudge spending money on novels so I belong to a lending library."

And here is the masculine view on pennyscraping and extravagance.

Says actor Rex Harrison: "I like a fresh buttonhole every day and I like my barber to come to me. It's an extravagance, I know, but it's worth it." Economies include NOT buying pictures and caviare, of which he is extraordinarily fond.

John Siddle, the interior decorator and son of Lord Kintworth, confesses to a weakness for sending flowers. His favourite economy "walking to work when my car breaks down."

All the virtues

FASHION star of the week is a new acetate rayon. It looks like heavy silk shantung, can be washably pleated, and has the warm feel of silk and its crease-resisting properties.

The Top Twelve dressmakers are using it, and dresses made from this material will soon be on sale.

Newest designer of high-fashion rainwear is Michael Sherard. Most striking example

is a three-piece in striped seersucker nylon of raincoat, hat and matching umbrella.

Highlight of another rainwear collection is a permanently pleated silk cocktail or theatre coat, with an amusing pocket hat that tucks into a pocket when not in use.

Try a mud pack, sir

THE first beauty shop for men has opened its portals in New York offering—shampooing, manicures, face picks, hair specialists, oxygen machine for hangovers... the whole works. Women are permitted only as far as the entrance hall.

What is the Englishman's reaction to the beauty business? "Would you patronise a similar salon in London?" I asked four men recently.

YES says scriptwriter Ted Kavanagh, who fights a deter-

mined battle against his girls. "Why should women have all the advantages? I'd go for slimming and anything else that's going."

YES votes band-leader Gerald. "The back of my head and my hands are very much in evidence, so it's important for me to look after them. I'd go for hair treatments, handcare if necessary, and manicures."

NO, EMPHATICALLY from actor Peter Ustinov. "I wouldn't go to a masculine beauty parlour myself. I'd feel too embarrassed. But if they could do something about paunches and spare tyres I might change my mind."

YES, says TV's Gifford Hardin. "I'd give it a trial. I'd like to have a mud pack. I care less how I look than how I feel."

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A Preview Of Summer



This striking outfit in black and white gives a preview of the summer. The sleeveless dress is double-breasted and has a large collar in sparkling white pique which is detachable. — London Express Service.

Thin Girls... Take A New Lease On A Healthier Life And

CHANGE NERVES TO CURVES

THIN girls—stop straining to gain. Try another plan. Give nature a chance to sharpen your appetite, tone up your body inside and out, and you won't have to force yourself to eat. You'll relish food, and change nerves to curves.

Starting this day, spend 20 to 30 minutes out in the fresh air, walking. Walk at a moderate rate, muscles relaxed, chest up, shoulders easy. There's a nip in the air, and this is an exhilarating time of year. Enjoy your walk.

Breathe deeply, pushing out with your diaphragm the air you draw in. Walk with a steady, rhythmic step. A steady, rhythmic step is the key to a healthy, active life. It's the key to a healthy, active life. It's the key to a healthy, active life.

you'll begin to feel like a new person.

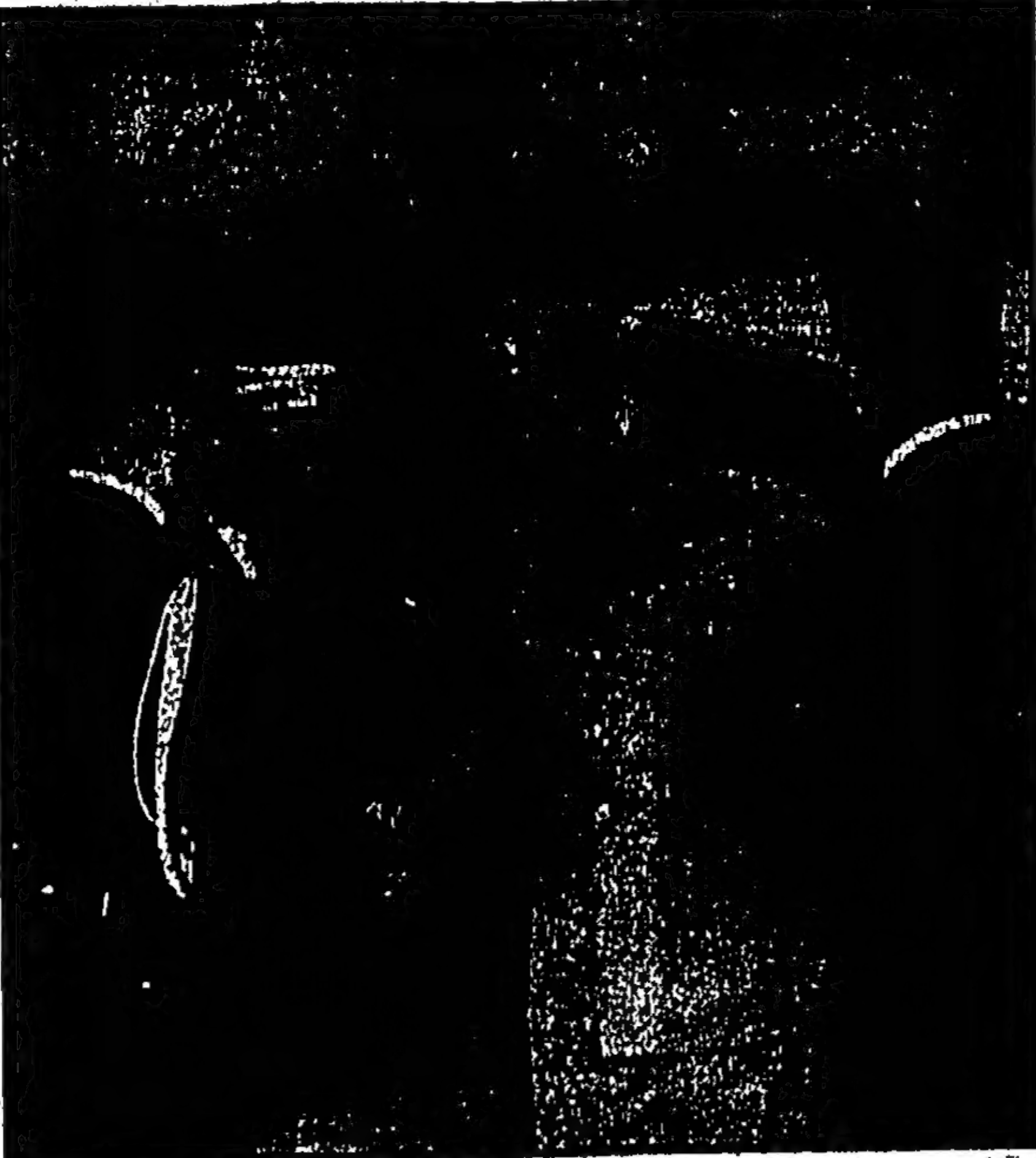
Of course you'll need more body building to do, but build your appetite first. Appetite is the promise to take care of food. It's amazing what fresh air can do toward normalizing your appetite and relaxing tense muscles. Perhaps you are eating enough, but not enough of the right foods. Choose foods furnishing the protective nutrients which build and repair tissues, regulate and aid assimilation. It's not just for you want to pile on a better functioning system will bring a feeling of well-being.

Fill your three meals around the clock with milk, meat, fish, eggs, whole grains of wheat, rice, and fruits and vegetables. A diet of these foods will build a healthy, active life. It's the key to a healthy, active life. It's the key to a healthy, active life.

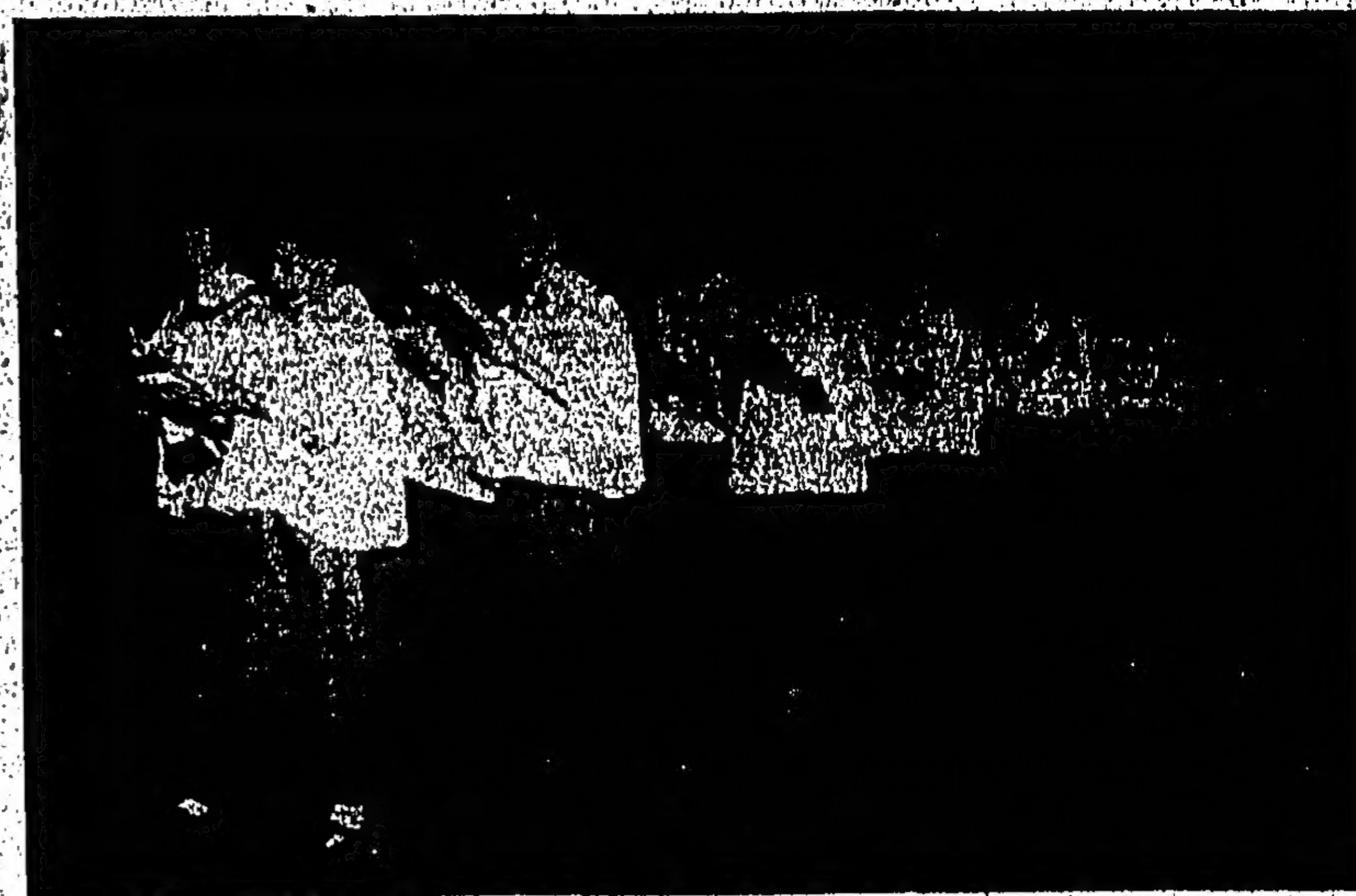
Many underweights do not eat bread. Go to a bakery and find a bread that tastes home made. Instead of a coffee pick-up, have a glass of milk or orange juice with a raw egg beaten into it during the late afternoon when energy wanes. Skip the sweet then, for it will blunt your appetite for a good evening meal. Bid your mind relax and it will send the soothing message to tense muscles. Then you'll get the "good" out of your food. Try working in that speed and efficiency are not necessary synonyms. Have faith, patience, and a bit of humor. You'll get it. When you find yourself becoming tense, deliberately let go. Relax on this, too. You'll find it's a hundred dollars worth of energy on a dime. When you're not working a tenth of your usual strength, you'll find it's a hundred dollars worth of energy on a dime. When you're not working a tenth of your usual strength, you'll find it's a hundred dollars worth of energy on a dime.



CHRISTMAS Eve festivities at the South China Morning Post Staff Club. Nearly a hundred members sat down to a tiffin of traditional fare, followed by songs and carols. Lower picture shows the Hon. Cedric Blaker, Chairman of the Board of Directors, distributing prizes. (Staff Photographer)



ADMIRAL Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, greeted by Mr. M. C. Illingworth, ADC to His Excellency the Governor, when he arrived from Manila on Tuesday. Admiral Radford's visit was unofficial; during his stay he was a guest at Government House. (Staff Photographer)



THE Choir of St. John's Cathedral singing Christmas carols at Government House last week. Dressed in blue and white and carrying lanterns, the choristers sang to His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham and about fifty guests in the garden. (Staff Photographer)



GATHERING at the Indian Recreation Club on Boxing Day when the 31st annual cricket match between the European and Local Staffs of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. was played. The European side won by four wickets. (King Wah)



DRESSED for their parts in "Infanticide," prize-winning play in the Chinese section of the Inter-Schools Dramatic Competition, are members of the King's College Dramatic Club. They are seen with the Wah Kiu Yat Po trophy. (Staff Photographer)

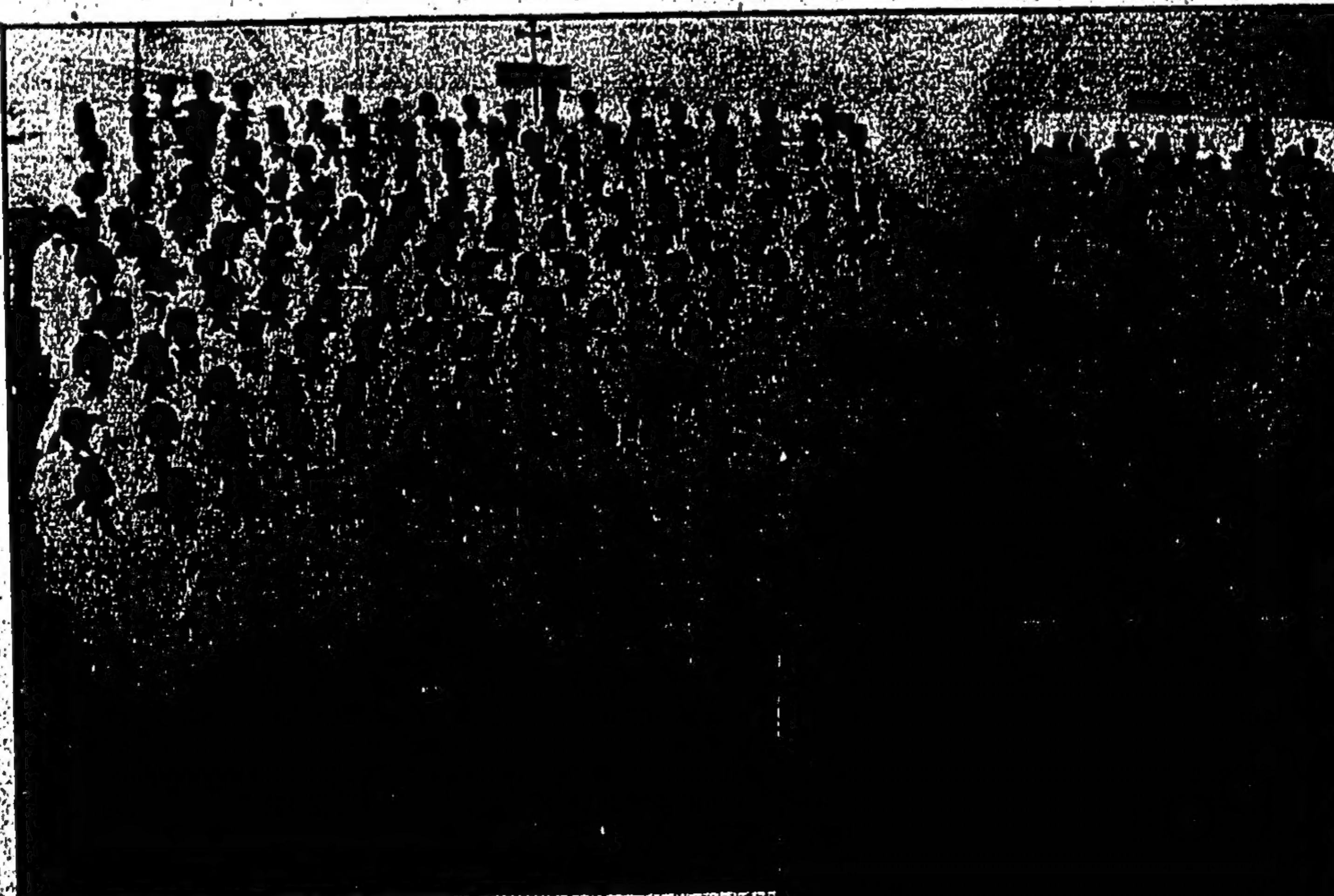


LEFT: Group photo taken at the annual dinner of the Cercle Sportif de l'Indo-Chine, held at the Ying King Restaurant last week. (Asia)

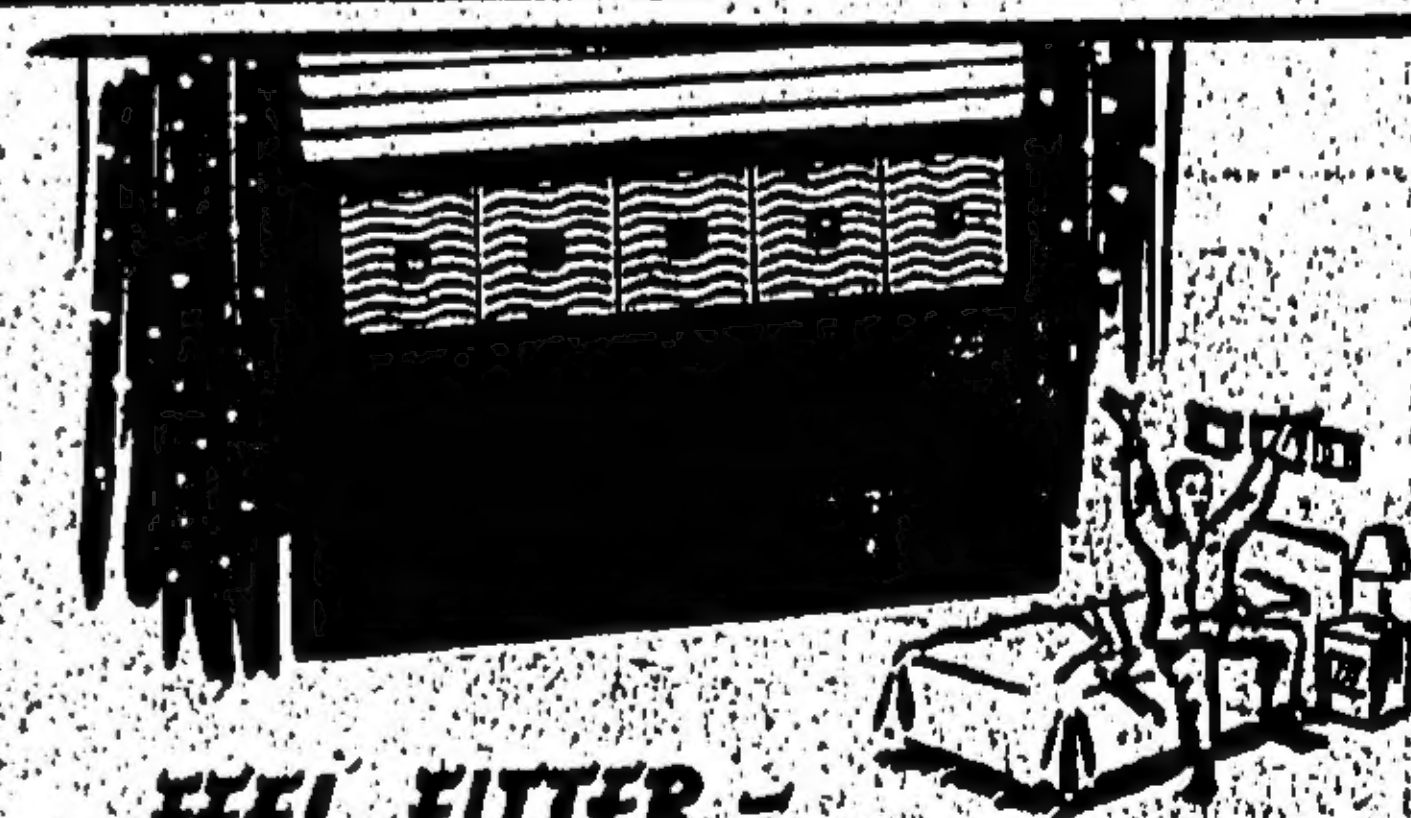
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A children's choir rendering traditional Christmas carols at the Grand Children's Rally sponsored by the Chinese Children's Fund and held at the Queen Elizabeth II Youth Centre. (Staff Photographer)



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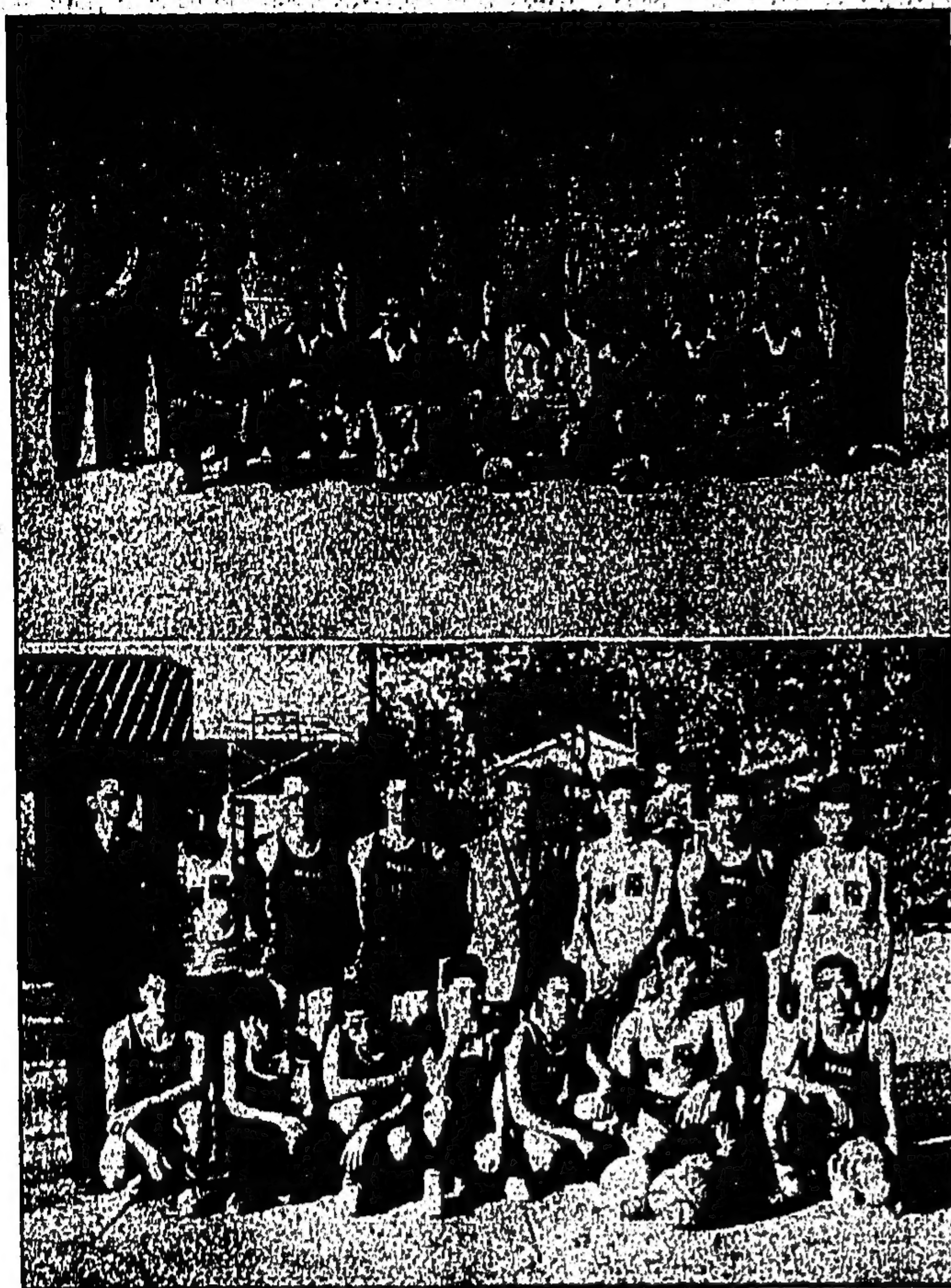
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GIYUANG



FRIENDLY rivals on the football ground and basketball court. Pictures were taken at Cheung Chau on Boxing Day when the South China Morning Post Sports Association made its annual visit to the island. The SCMP footballers (top) and cagers are seen with the opposing Cheung Chau teams. (Staff Photographer)

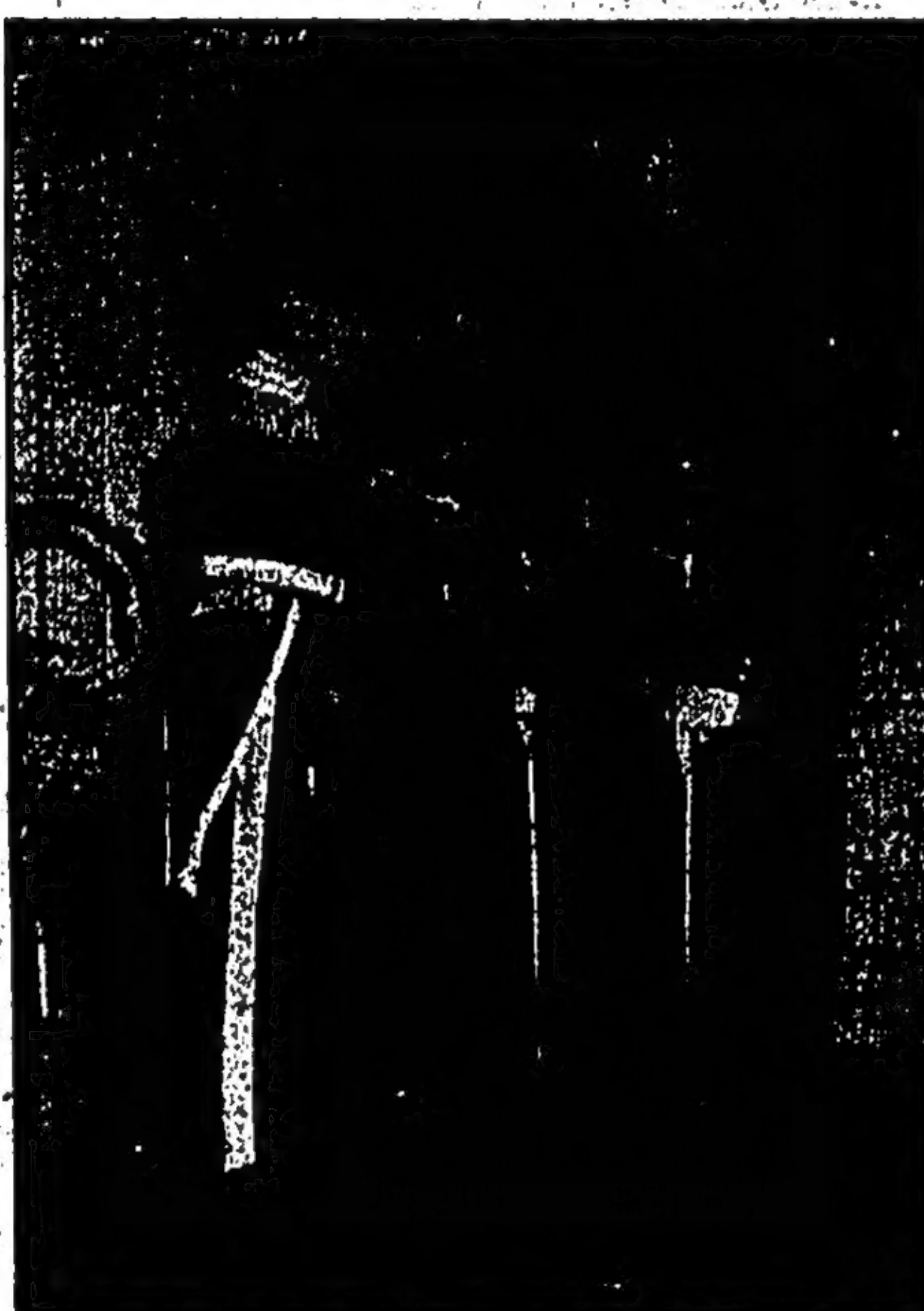


AT the Charter Party Dinner of the Hongkong Toastmasters' Club, held at the American Club on Tuesday. Mr Adam W. Aitken (right), Chairman of the Club, receives the Charter from Mr E. F. Drumright, U.S. Consul-General. In centre is Dr S. G. Davis. (Staff Photographer)

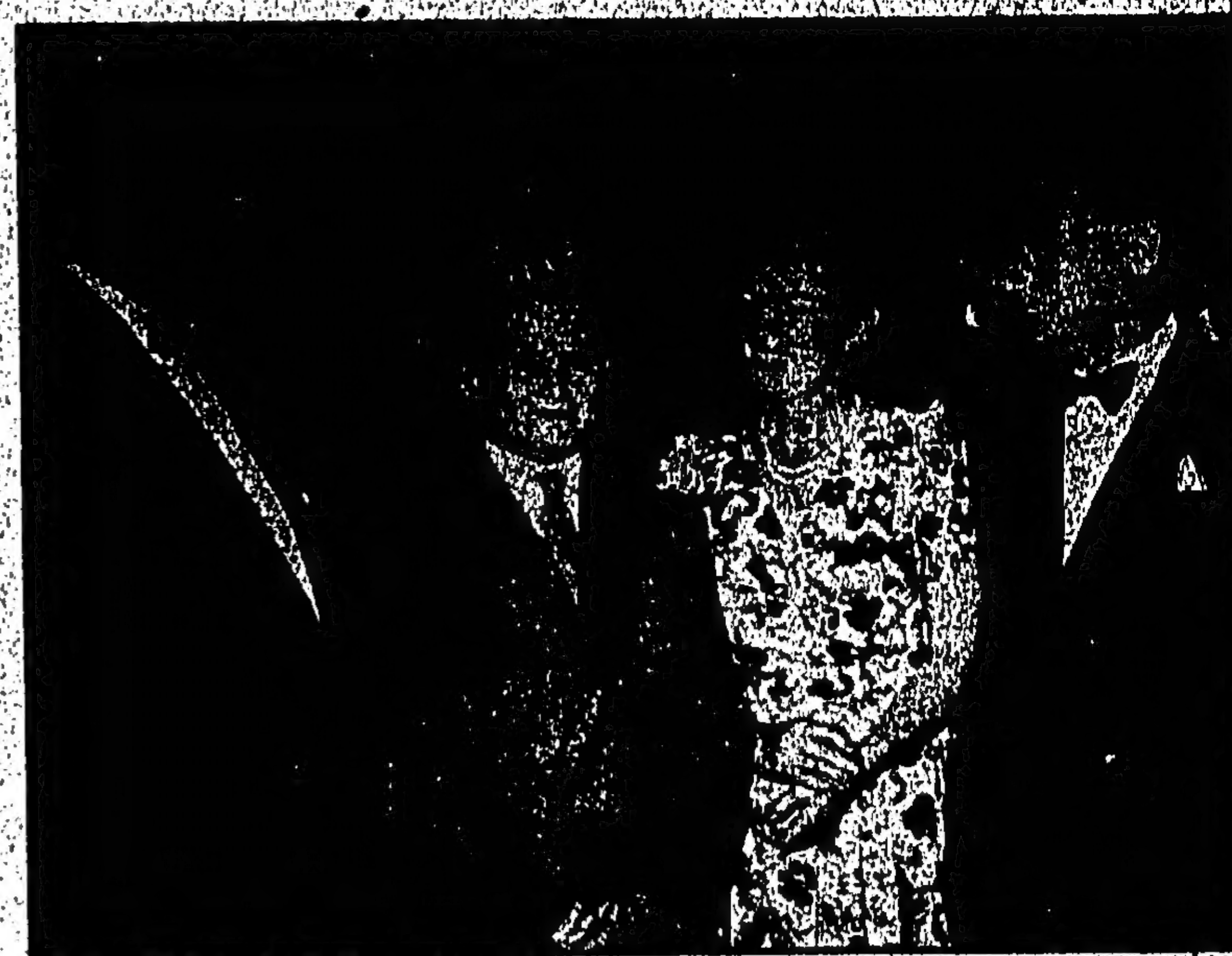


FRIENDS of Mr and Mrs W. H. Kwan at the christening of their daughter, Annie Da Ding Kwan, which took place at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong. (Roy Trang)

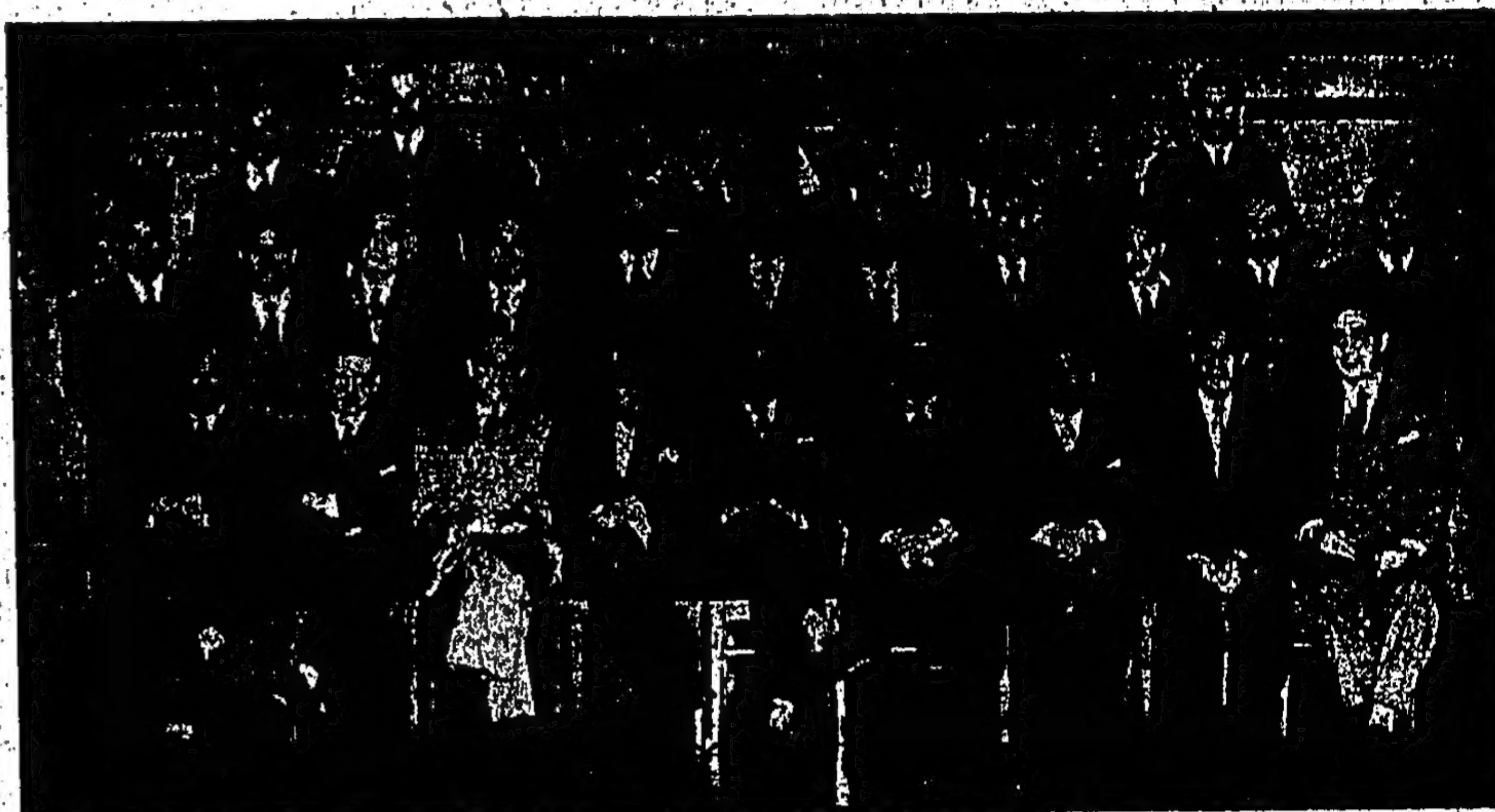
RIGHT: Staff photograph taken at Central Magistracy on the occasion of the retirement of Mr Lawrence Leong from the Bench. Seated, starting second from left, are the six Magistrates: Messrs J. E. Durling, D. Benson, Hin-shing Lo, Lawrence Leong, Thomas Tam and Poon Yan-hoi.



HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, presenting the insignia of MBE (MII) to Major B. C. Field, MC, at Government House on Wednesday. Major Field received the award in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He is Second-in-Command of the Hongkong Regiment. (Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs E. E. Story, Master Story and Mr T. W. P. Aycock at the annual staff dance of Cable and Wireless Ltd., held at the Cable and Wireless Sports Club, Caroline Hill. (Willie's)



THOSE who took part in the annual Diocesan Boys' School Past and Present cricket match, played on Monday. This year the Present defeated the old boys. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Mr Jack Skinner, former President of the Hongkong Football Association, holds the silver shield presented to him as a mark of esteem and appreciation from the Association. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Hongkong Cricket Club and Army, who drew in a friendly cricket encounter on Boxing Day. (Staff Photographer)

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Try These Recipes With Holiday Flavour

By ALICE DENHOFF

At this time of year, any good turkey recipe is 25 min. welcome.

Orange Rice, for instance, with a holiday flavour, serves 1 c. diced cooked turkey, and the recipe is for 6-8 servings.

Melt 3 tbsp. butter in a saucepan, add 2 1/2 c. diced celery, with leaves, and 2 tbsp. chopped onion. Cook until onion is tender but not brown.

Add 1 1/2 c. water, 1 c. fresh orange juice, 2 tbsp. saffron, orange rind, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/8 tsp. thyme.

Bring to a boil; add 1 c. converted rice slowly. Add 1 c. diced, cooked turkey.

Cover, reduce heat and cook for about 6 servings, have with a holiday flavour, serve stuffed breast of veal with a cranberry stuffing.

For about 6 servings, have large pocket cut in 2 1/2 to 3 lb. breast of veal. Sprinkle inside and out with salt and pepper. Fill cavity with cranberry stuffing and sew or skewer edges together.

Place the roast, fat side up, on a rack in an open pan. Roast at 325° F. allowing 35 to 40 min. per lb.

To prepare the stuffing, put 2 c. cranberries in a food chopper; combine with 2 peeled, diced apples, 1/4 c. each diced celery and chopped onion, 1/2 tsp. chopped parsley, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. thyme, 1/4 c. sugar, 6 c. 1/2-in. day-old bread cubes.

Add 4 tbsp. melted butter, mix thoroughly.

A flaky, fluted pastry shell, filled with generous slices of melted butter and covered with a rich butter-sauce filling isn't that appetizing enough to send any good cook for her rolling pin and dough roller? Nice holiday special, too!

Combine 1/4 c. firmly packed brown sugar, 3 tbsp. flour and 1/4 tsp. salt in top of double boiler. Add 2 c. milk slowly, mixing thoroughly.

Cook over rapidly boiling water until well thickened, stirring constantly. Cook 10 min. longer, stirring occasionally.

Stir small amount of hot mixture into 2 slightly beaten egg yolks; then pour back into remaining hot mixture while beating vigorously. Cook one min. longer.

Remove from heat and add 2 tbsp. butter and 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract. Cool.

Cover bottom of a baked 9-in. pie shell with small amount of cooked filling. Peel 3 fully ripe bananas and slice into pie shell. Cover immediately with rest of filling. If desired, top with meringue or sweetened cream.

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Modern patterns are toned down

Draperies And Slipcovers

If you're going shopping for fabrics to dress up the house, and nothing makes such a good, inexpensive change as new draperies or slipcovers, you can expect to find new and interesting selections.

We're happy to report that modern prints are really handsome, and that the wild mobiles and abstract patterns are milder and easier to live with, now that they've been subdued into easier, more relaxed patterns. The eternal florals that do so much for any room are muted and soft-edged, the colorings simply beautiful.

SATIN FOR ELEGANCE

For downright elegance, rather than the soft charm of florals, here are such fabrics as unique satins with narrow metallic stripes. For good co-ordination, sheers are shown to match heavy weight patterns.

In colours, the popular white and light grounds are still favoured. These make a nice foil for new and striking colour combinations, which included green with blue, orange and red with pink (this one fast growing in favour, we're told) walnut with persimmon, and lavender with green. Plenty of blues and purples and lots of charcoal grey, the latter either on its own or combined with such accents as shocking pink, persimmon or green. We saw a dark charcoal with touches of muted silver and rich blue that was new and exciting.

Slipcover fabrics offer a wide choice, with a new and very wide range of contemporary patterns emphasizing soft and pretty abstract leaf and floral effects for a modern interior. There are also handsome nubby tweed effects with a hand woven look, that are also at their best in a modern setting.

CAFE CURTAINS

As for windows, we've been told that the nicest windows are wearing cafe curtains and these are offered in a very wide assortment of fabrics and sizes. A wide range makes it easy to take care of problem windows and to achieve original decorative effects.

There are popular, with new designs such as little tiers, ruffled tiers and petticoat tiers. No need to stick to the conventional in window dressing if one doesn't wish to. But if one does, then there are delicate gauzy sheers for tailored pairs, and gauzes in pastel colours, as well as new and pretty printed gauze type sheers.

There are beautiful laces, many in rich Victorian patterns of the Brussels lace type. Some decorators use them for window curtains, with matching valances, or as panels as well as in tailored pairs.

The emphasis is certainly on windows and a little imagination and sense of the artist should result in windows of beauty and distinction.

—Eleanor Ross

Children's Party On New Year's Eve

IN THE PAST New Year's Eve has been an adult celebration. It has been a night to let off steam. But more and more, the children have been getting into the act. In some communities, the holiday is gradually turning into a night for the children to celebrate.

They really enjoy it because it is the one night in the year when adults' rules on getting to bed early are relaxed. They can stay up just as long as they care to in some families.

Starting time for New Year's Eve celebration need not be until late and then the young folks arrive, laden down with noise-makers, of every description, accompanied by their parents.

The children can occupy themselves with games under the leadership of an adult or two until the magic hour comes—the very stroke of midnight when we say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new one.

Then the noise breaks loose, the tin pans are beaten and whistles blown until everyone is satisfied with making a din.

After that it is time for refreshments. If there are hardy members of the group who haven't had enough by that time, more games can be planned to keep the interest going until the last sleepy eye is ready to close and the guests have gone home.

This type of celebration makes it a family holiday and keeps everyone safe and sane to enjoy the new year which has just been born. It can become a pleasant tradition year after year, this New Year's party.



THE CLOSEST THING to a magic carpet is one resistant to stains. Persistent spots can be washed away with detergent or cleaning fluid without fading the carpet, which is made of practical saran.

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

If you want to have a pretty home, better become carpet conscious. Floor coverings, after all, are the foundation for any setting, and they do so much to give a room what can only be called "that finished look."

Colour Schemes

You can't just choose a carpet at random. It's a basic furnishing, and one that must be selected with the rest of the room in mind. So plan your carpet when you plan your room. This doesn't mean, it need be an early purchase. Not at all! Merely have a good idea of what you want and, when you can afford it, your shopping expedition will be considerably simplified.

If your rug is to carry out the colour scheme set by draperies, upholstery, walls or a painting, it most likely will be a monotone. Such rugs are extremely decorative, with interest

achieved via texture or a tone-on-tone design with different qualities of the same colour providing the attraction.

For colour scheming, you can also use one of the modern tweedy-type carpets that have a salt and pepper look. Although featuring many colours, no single one stands out more than any other.

Should you go for an Oriental rug, or one with a multi-coloured pattern, if, of necessity, must be a first purchase, since you'll want to use colours from the rug for upholstery, draperies and other furnishings. These needn't be exact carpet shades, however, especially if the carpet is dark or bright. Rather, they should be lighter hues of the same colour family, if your scheme is to hang together effectively.

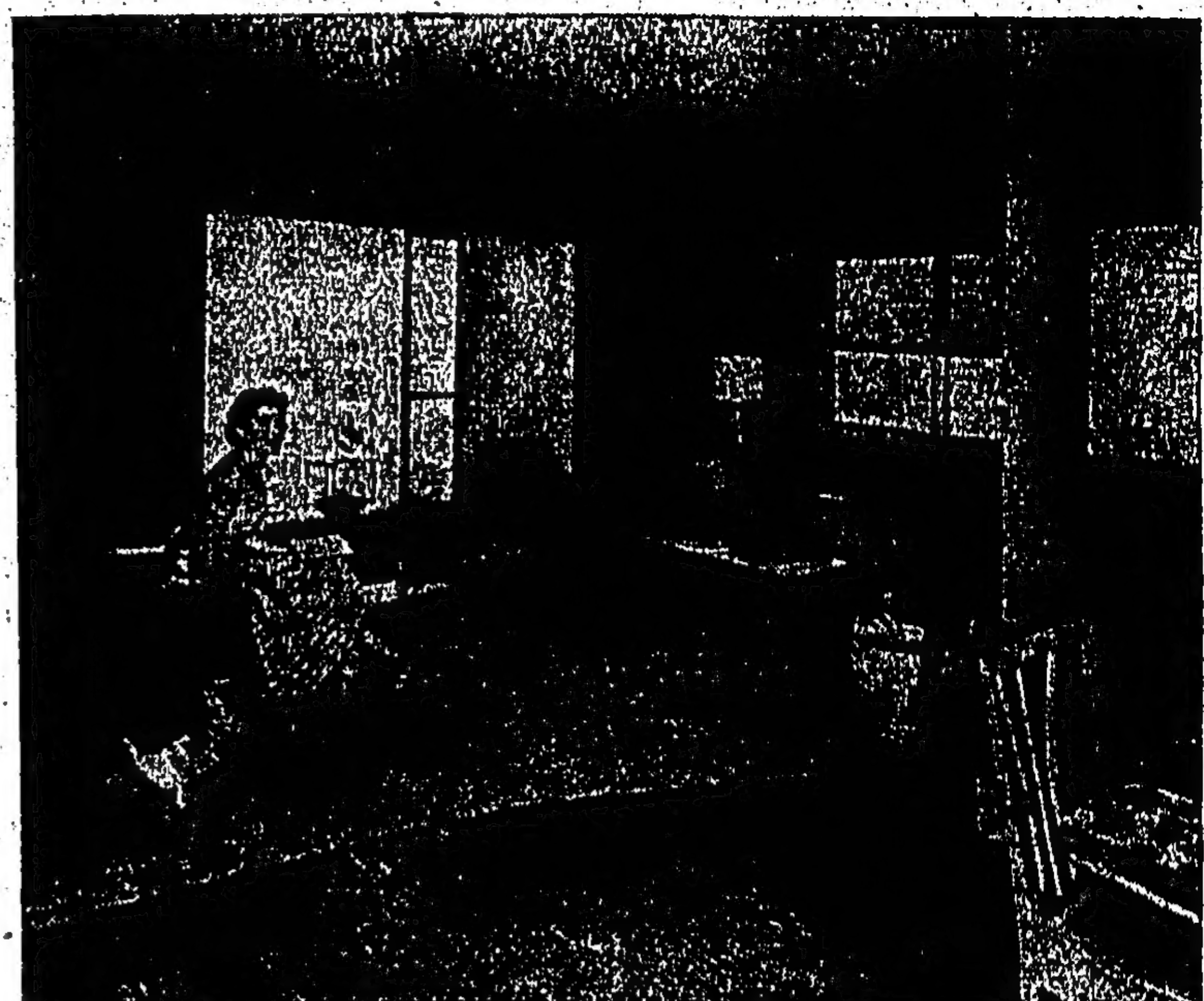
When selecting a floor covering, give thought to size and shape. Do you want wall-to-wall carpeting?

A recent demonstration showed how, using a new tape, you can do the job yourself.

The procedure's simple: Wash the floor thoroughly and let it dry completely. Paste the special tape to the floor at the desired intervals. Remove the protective coating from the top side of the tape. Roll out the carpeting along the tape, exerting slight pressure to insure adhesion. The carpeting used in the demonstration didn't skid or buckle, since it had its own foam rubber backing, fused to the carpeting by a special process, so that the two can never be separated.

A Curved Carpet.

Should you want some floor to show, and there's a beauty in waxed wood borders, decide how much. Your carpet can be a square of colour in your room. It can also be cut so it curves around a furniture grouping. One decorator



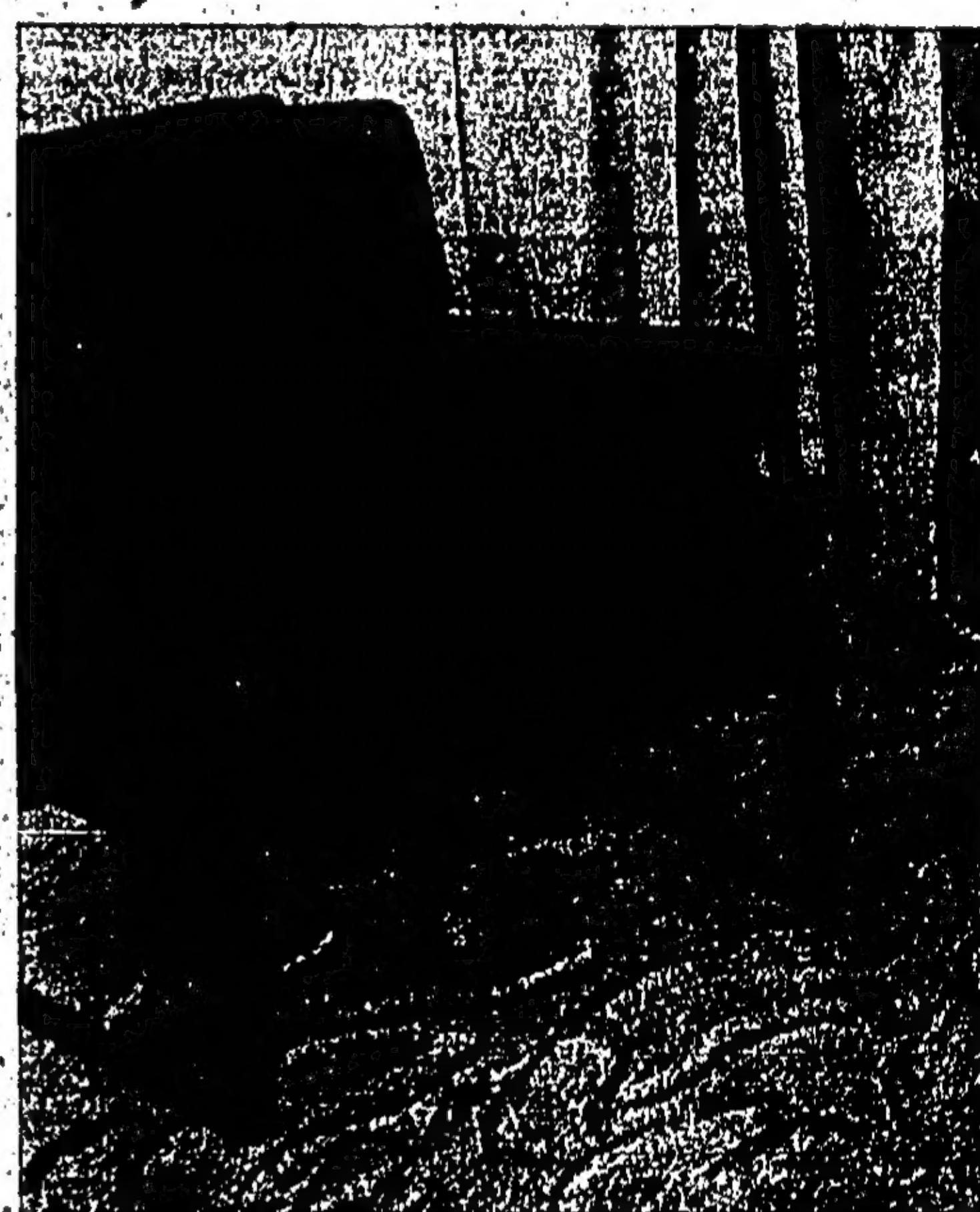
YOU CAN SET off a conversational grouping with a contour rug. Here, one curves across the living room area of a model house in Carol City, a Florida development, to create a feeling of spaciousness.



LAY YOUR OWN CARPET using a special tape. This carpet has a fused backing of foam rubber.

who did a model house for a new development in Carol City, Florida, curved a carpet in just such a way to create a feeling of spaciousness. It was an extremely successful idea.

Don't forget practicality! If children, pets or traffic are going to give your floor covering a beating, consider a magic carpet made of saran that's resistant to all kinds of stains, including spilled ink, iodine, coffee, food and just plain, everyday dirt.



CARRY OUT A COLOUR SCHEME with a sculptured carpet that combines cut and looped pile in two shades of the same colour.

WORK NOT HARMFUL—BUT STRESS IS

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

STRESS is defined in most dictionaries by such words as pressure, force or strain. It is used in medicine to express the concept of impact—usually unfavourable—of events or situations upon the individual. What does living do to the person; to the personality? And why? And what can we do about it, if anything needs to be done?

First, of course, we recognize individual differences among people. What gets Susan "down" may not bother Sarah a bit. Mary, Martha and Mathilda may all be disturbed by the same or similar circumstances, but react in different ways, one being stirred to resentment, another to despair, another to constructive rational protest. These circumstances are well-known to the unscientific observer.

Personality reactions are difficult to study. One requires a group which may be expected to remain together long enough to permit logical study. One must have a group which is not too small, and which is not too large, and which is not too diverse, and which is not too homogeneous, and which is not too... (text continues)

Dr. William P. Shepard, writing in Public Health Reports, concludes that the effects of stress upon the worker—which is to say upon anybody and everybody except the unfortunate and rare few who do no work—are varied, often indefinite, but always important, particularly in industry. He regards them as most important in executives.

Work, Dr. Shepard believes, is not necessarily harmful, though he quotes Dr. Carey F. McCord, another noted industrial physician, to the effect that "a little bit of man goes into every job, and every worker thereby suffers some sort of reaction of personality to his job." Dr. McCord's point is that work is not necessarily harmful, but it is a matter of degree. A man can take a lot of stress, but he can also be overwhelmed by it. The key is to find a balance between the demands of the job and the individual's capacity to handle them.

Such stresses may produce physical illnesses of many kinds—notably fatigue, headaches, digestive disorders, loss of strength and endurance. They may aggravate physical disorders such as arthritis or heart disorders. They are easier to prevent than cure, says Shepard, and adds that the industrial physician regards them as one of his high-priority responsibilities.

"Preemptive action," Dr. Shepard remarks, "is with or without the physician's help, can mean to pass for himself the long pull, adjusting his stress to his load, learning to lighten his load by delegating responsibility to well-chosen subordinates, etc. who have a high tolerance to pressure from a master above, be that master a foreman or his own distraught conscience."

TRENDS OF BATH FIXTURES

NEW fixtures can modernize your bathroom. Take medicine cabinets, for one example.

Latest models in porcelain-enamelled steel feature more built-in space than ever. There are multiple glass shelves with adjustable bracket supports. Some have a slot in back for disposing of used razor blades safely and conveniently, and a notched rack for hanging toothbrushes to dry.

One of the most useful cabinets features a centre mirrored storage compartment with flanking fluorescent light tubes and hinged side mirrors that flatten back against the wall to make a five-foot expanse of mirrored surface, unbroken save for the light tubes in the centre section. Another new cabinet that is finding great favour with homeowners is one that has a double mirrored storage compartment with sliding glass panel enclosures. There are also single mirrored cabinets, with or without flanking or overhead fluorescent light tubes.

No bathroom is complete unless it has plenty of towel bars. Some bars are square, some are round, and there are also those very attractive towel rings.

TOWEL BARS

The latest in towel rods is a rod within a rod. The inner rod can be pulled out from its sheath to serve as a clothesline for drying towels and bathrobes. The outer rod remains in place, and the inner rod can be retracted when not in use.

The most notable trend in bathroom accessory design is towards recessing. Typical of this vogue is the highly popular combination toothbrush, water tumbler and soap holder, which revolves on a swivel to disappear completely into the bathroom wall when not in use, with only a smooth chromium front as a clue.

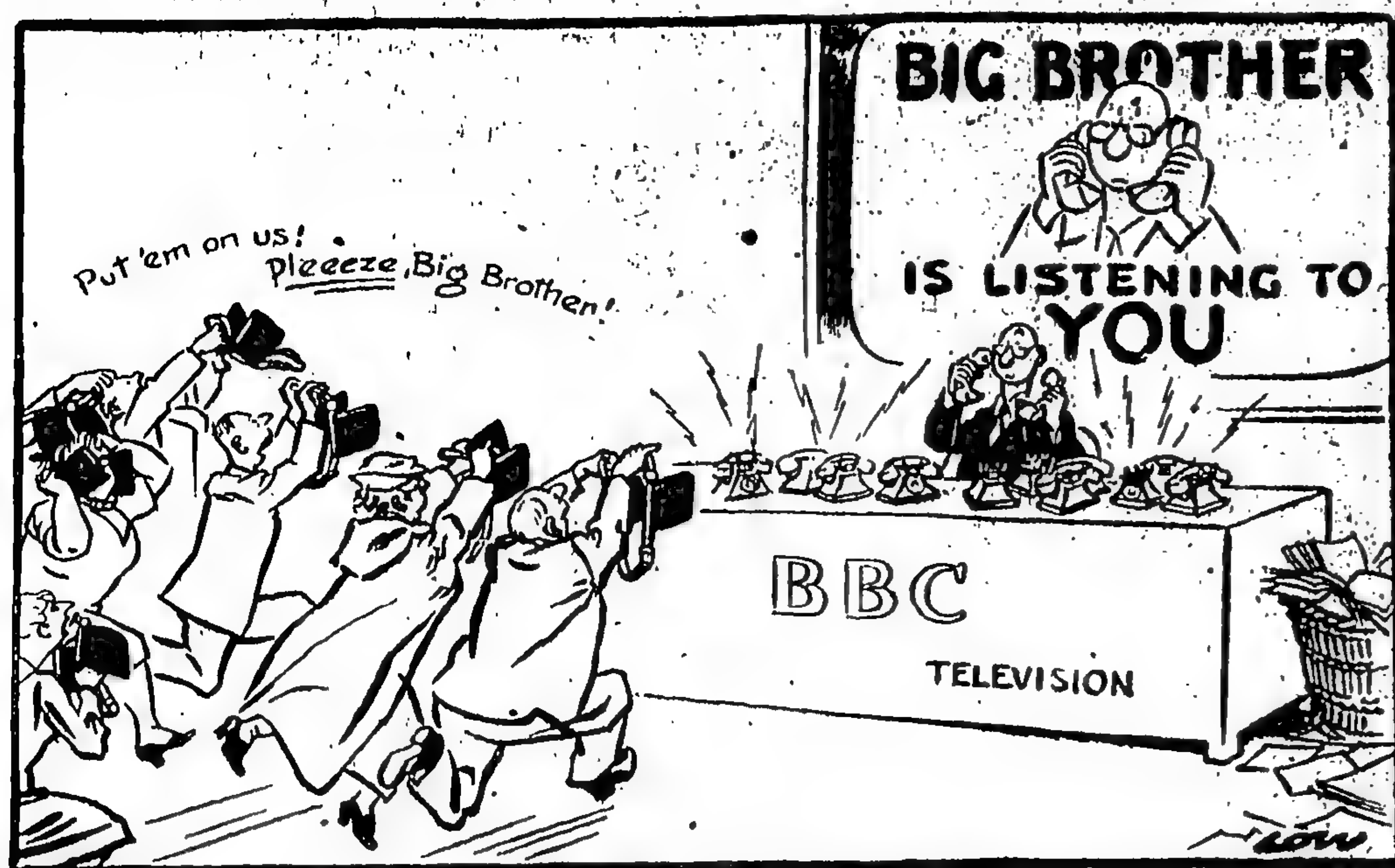
The latest type dispenser for toilet tissue is semi-recessed, the paper roll being concealed from sight by a revolving chromium-plated hood.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The homemaker interested in providing her bathroom with every possible safety device will want to install chromium-plated grab-bars on the inside wall of a recessed bathtub. The bars are useful as a grip to help the bather in getting out of the tub, or as a protection against slipping and falling when the overhead shower is being used. Some such safety bars are vertical. Others are horizontal, and there is a clever L-shaped design which features both a horizontal and vertical hand support.

Household Hints

When during don't forget to give lamp shades and glass a good over with a soft brush. To get the most out of your lamp, clean the shade with a soft brush. To get the most out of your lamp, clean the shade with a soft brush.



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AMINAL CRACKERS

in my hair

The into-the-jungle explorer turns over his insect-bitten notebook

A SMALL local war has just been declared. It is a sort of private war with me on one side and on the other the AMINALS.

Animals are what my older unmarried daughter (second birthday the other day) calls all creatures the size of Brighton crabs and smaller.

This is the group which includes all such items as "safari" ants, jungle spiders, flying beetles, mosquitoes, jiggers, sandflies, tsetse flies, scratch-me-till-I-hurtse-flies.

We combatants in this war are filled with implacable hatred. No weapons are barred.

Edward Lear (who wrote the Limericks) had a very descriptive Latin-style name for animals: Nasticreechia Crorlupia. But that does not make the point about

being bitten so much that you do not know whether you are scratching your foot with your hand or your hand with your foot.

That is the exact state I reached before I had my ultimatum tonight. I have been itching steadily towards that ultimatum during the past eight weeks in the jungle.

Ants!

FRONTIER tension reached a snapping point earlier tonight when I observed an army of

for example. That is the fancy name for a needle-nosed blood-sucker with a blood-red arrow down its back.

There is another little party called brunetia gloriosa. She and her chum, brunetia splendens, have a habit of dropping it on me.

These brunetias have long, black, tickly legs—three pairs each. They are also blood-suckers, or—as they probably refer to themselves being called—psychicidiao. (There goes another mozzie.)

Jiggers are the most famous little flees of these parts. I have already had a few preliminary skirmishes with them. The female burrows into your skin and lays her eggs there. I have had myself "dejected" (madam and eggs are dug out with a needle) every week of this expedition. African women are most skilled at this operation. Many an African courtship has begun with a sympathetic dejecting.

Plague!

THE scorpions we have come across in Africa have been such whoppers that my daughter would not put them in the "small" group. She would classify them "gee-gees," which signifies any living creatures bigger than Brighton crabs.

Scorpions are the size of a coffee saucer, and look as if they are made of liquorice. Their sting can kill a child.

We have not come across many, except at a valley village where we stopped a hundred miles back. It had a plague.

I was just going to sleep on a pleasant straw bed prepared for me by the village chief when I noticed a scorpion in my sleeping bag, which I had thrown down beside me. I shot it.

Normally I do not shoot at animals. My chief mode of attack is a powerful surprise swat!

Direct Hit!

SO I am spending the rest of the night outside, by a fire. Ever since I have been by this fire I have been bitten non-stop by mosquitoes. There is one at this moment whispering sweet nothings in my right ear.

All kinds of animals like to bite me, but mozzies especially.

I have just swatted that mozzie I mentioned a few lines above. Ear-lobe right. Direct hit!

The animals in this jungle region of Central Africa go out of their way to be unpleasant. Take cadiera rubramarginata,

The one weapon of the enemy I shall not be able to eliminate is their noise. When you settle down for the night in the jungle, the tropical air is filled with the racket of crickets and locusts. On restless nights in the open, a loud-legged cricket can keep you awake. And crickets do not sleep at all at night.

(Just got mozzie No. 3, with my pencil. It settled on my writing pad. Good shot, Stacey.)



OR IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR MAN?

CHAPMAN PINCHER

gives his first report on a remarkable mission... to find out from Britain's top experts what lies ahead in the Age of the Atom

AS the world approaches the second half of the fateful 1950's it is faced with two situations which have never existed before.

1 With the overwhelming power of the H-bomb proved in American and Russian tests it is now certain that a war between East and West would end in mutual disaster. A worthwhile military victory is no longer possible for either side—and both sides know it.

This situation will continue because neither side is likely to devise any defence against H-bomb attack effective enough to give it an advantage which might make, war seem profitable.

IS it peace?

THE Allies' plans to counter the massed manpower of the Communists depend on the fullest use of atomic weapons and H-bomb. So no agreement which would outlaw atomic weapons and allow full-scale war to be fought by other means is possible.

2 For the first time in history the main armament of the opposing forces—the atomic explosive and the plant for making it—will not be wasted if it is never used in war.

Every ounce of atomic explosive in the U.S., Russian, and British stockpiles can be used as fuel to set free colossal quantities of electric power for homes and industry.

These stockpiles are the greatest amount of potential wealth ever accumulated by man. The prospects of using them for peaceful purposes—the full harnessing of atomic power—have never been so bright.

so glittering that Communist countries and Western nations alike have a compelling reason to conserve their main armament and never use it destructively.

After analysing these unique circumstances with some of the best-informed military and political minds I believe they add up to a most hopeful outlook for a lasting peace of unprecedented prosperity.

Until I examined all the evidence made available to me in this inquiry I was inclined to counter the optimistic outlook with stock arguments:—

Armament races have always ended in wars;

The Russians have so many divisions we could not stop them if they decided to occupy Europe;

Defence will always catch up with offence.

I am now convinced that the unprecedented situation created by the super-weapons outmoded historical argument.

BOTH lose

SINCE atomic explosive can be used as a fuel three million times more powerful than coal, the race to pile up atom armaments can become the race for atomic plenty, by only a slight change of course.

President Eisenhower's "atoms of peace" project, by which the atomic Powers plan to co-operate to develop atomic energy for constructive use, may be the first slight swerve in this change.

The danger that the Red Army might surge across Europe has receded with the emergence of the

tactical atom weapon—the "baby" bomb or shell which can be used locally on the battlefield.

Premier Malenkov has told the Supreme Soviet that both sides stand to lose by an atomic war.

There is always danger when decision rests with dictators; but with the passing of Stalin's one-man rule the risk of rash action by Russia seems less likely.

ITS power

IN the recent past 100 bombers could drop 1,000 tons of high explosive on an enemy city. If 80 got through the defences. Now, if only one bomber gets through, it can drop the equivalent of 45,000,000 tons.

That was the estimated power of "Jughead"—the super-sized H-bomb which the Americans were scared to test after a smaller weapon had showered "death ash" on Japanese fishermen 90 miles away.

The production of such monstrous weapons by both sides has increased the mutual penalty for failure to keep peace, but has reduced the risk that failure will occur.

The danger that either side might try to stage a surprise knock-out attack seems to recede as the bomb stocks rise.

Russia is now so ringed by Allied bases equipped with atomic weapons that reprisal to such a "Pearl Harbour" is inevitable. The Soviet armaments are so widely dispersed in Russia that retaliation to an Allied attack is equally certain.

All three atomic Powers seem that little can be done to reduce the devastation of a bomb attack. The British Government's decision to spend £1,000 million on developing

because they could not withstand H-bomb blast. There is no evidence that the Russians have any shelter policy.

The cost of dispersing industry is prohibitive. The sprawling industrial cities which have made it possible for Britain, America, and Russia to become atomically armed make them the most vulnerable to atom attack.

On all counts large-scale shooting-war seems to have reached stalemate and I can find no defence scientist or military expert who believes this situation will be altered by the discovery of any counter-measure.

By the time the guided missile is effective enough to bring down even 50 percent of invading planes, long-range rockets with atomic war-heads will have been developed by both sides.

Those weapons would arrive at such speed and with so little warning that interception of an effective proportion of them will not be possible.

A country-wide network of radar stations and robot-guided missile launchers might shoot down some of the incoming rockets; but building it would bankrupt any nation.

GREAT promise

THIS conviction is so firm that a growing group of Government experts is pressing for the eventual abandonment of costly and ineffective air defences. The abolition of Anti-Aircraft Command is the first result.

The alternative is reliance on the deterrent effect of a stock of atomic weapons.

While threatening a life-and-death penalty for failure to keep peace, the atom bombs, outstripping machines for peace.

laboratories have ensured that the power of the atom can be put to work for man's benefit within the next few years.

There is now no doubt that cheaper electricity for factories, mines, steel plants, railways, and homes can be dragged from the atom.

But the greatest promise of atom power lies in its portability.

Atomic fuel weighs so little and so rarely needs renewing that "pocket" plants to generate power could be built in almost every area of the world which has remained undeveloped for lack of it.

Through this unique advantage the atom can hold out far greater hope of improving the lot of "have-not" nations than any political creed.

MORE time

WITH the main nations now agreed that the Eisenhower "atoms for peace" plan should be tried, reason may at last have one foot in the door which opens to atomic plenty.

The challenge of putting the atom to constructive purpose should offer ample outlet for human energies, which have so often spent themselves in conflict. All that is needed is more time without war.

After my talks with the men best fitted to judge I believe that we shall get that time. I believe we may already be through the most dangerous years of atomic threat.

This year—1954—was the target deadline for a Russian "atoms for peace" plan. The world is safely through it and there is high hope that boom years ahead are ahead of us.

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William Hickey is the son of a...

William Hickey

This Man Of Destiny Has Devoted His Life To A Dream

LONDON. I HAVE been haunted by this scene for two or three days. It was a dinner party for four or five. The candles burned with a soft glow on the table. There was an ex-Minister, another M.P., a member of the House of Lords, the host, and myself.

But the man who dominated the table was Emile Bustani. I have written about him before. He is the Christian Arab of the Lebanon who has made a great fortune. And who is now spending most of his time trying to make a dream come true—a united Middle East.

A man of medium height, rather portly, speaking excellent English, smoking a large cigar. But a man who, like Dimsdale and Rhodes of Africa, has not only dreamed dreams—but intends to see them realised.

Dangerous men. Leading dangerous lives.

I like Emile. He is a man of destiny.

Credit for Suez. I do not know whether his dreams are good dreams. I do not know whether his dreams will do us any good. But my heart goes out to a man who has devoted his life to a dream.

For those men are the makers of new worlds. Emile has changed since I saw him in the spring. I would not have said that he was a man of destiny. But now I would.

say that. Let's just say he is more confident. And the reason for this confidence is the Anglo-Egyptian agreement. Our decision to leave Suez.

Much credit has gone in the Arab world to Emile for that. For he has spent much money trying to influence public opinion here in that direction.

His word runs

I think much of that credit is not Bustani's. I think it is due to the ordinary man in the street in Britain. Who has done much thinking in the last few years. Who no longer wants to dominate countries. Who wants to establish a new relation with the countries he used to rule. Who wants to create the only empire the British have ever wanted—an empire of trade and mutual interest. Not of racial pride and arrogance.

But still the fact remains. Bustani's stock stands high now. His word runs through the Middle East.

And listening to his quick, excited voice ringing on, I too began to understand his dreams. The Arab world to me—and I suppose to you—is a conglomeration of countries, some ruled by feudal sheiks, some by democratic regimes. We don't know. We know they have been ruled by us. We know they are now countries. We know they are by and large Muslim.

A new Power. But as this Christian Arab, Bustani, looked his eyes and looked forward to his chair, I saw a man who had seen the world. A man who had seen the world. A man who had seen the world. A man who had seen the world.

Emile has gone back now to his Middle East for a Christian. I like Emile. He is a dreamer. I do not know what will become of those dreams. But as I walked home I could see new countries, new worlds coming into being. Emile started in a humble way. But he has a lion's heart. I am glad such men are living. I am glad I have met them.

An English schooling

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POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

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MUSEUMS SCARED

Museums across Britain are hustling to buy "lie-detectors" as the big hoax scare grows.

The lie-detectors are X-ray machines with fluoride filters. They bring a different "glow" from different substances and enable the museums to decide whether "monkeys" jawbones have been grafted on to human skulls or if bones from different periods have been put together.

It all started when the British Museum, making routine checks, found that the world-famous Piltdown man was an elaborate construction of human and non-human elements of recent date.

Then Hastings Museum decided to check other items from the collection of Piltdown "discoverer" Charles Dawson. The test and research checks suggest that the quiet, scholarly Uckfield solicitor was one of the biggest hoaxers of all time. Dawson apparently even faked a two-volume "History of Hastings Castle."

Now every museum in Britain is worried. If one man could pull off such "scholarly swindles" just to get his name in the history books how many others might have done the same around the turn of the century when archaeology was beginning to establish itself?

For last week buyers visited a new type of fashion display, the first of a series of trade shows to be held at London's Royal Festival Hall.

At the microphone was Raymond Glendinning, burley radio commentator, who customarily attends all Britain's main sporting events.

Visitors, he announced, should consider themselves at a race course. "Afterwards, at the clang of a starting bell, the models paraded together for ten minutes in the 'paddock,' a green carpeted enclosure.

Buyers, with "race cards" bearing numbers and descriptions in their hands, could easily identify the dresses.

Moreover, their eyes were not wearied by a long procession of fashion. Pencil in hand, they could compare the runners, one against the other, and rapidly jot down their selections for the season's stakes.

WOMEN FOR THE CHURCH The Church of England clergy is a closed shop to women; it's strictly men's territory. But the rector of Kilton, a small town in Suffolk, has asked for a new deal for women who want to join the Church of England Ministry.

Other churches had women ministers; so why not us? he cried to a cheering women's meeting in seaside Felixstowe. Said the Rev. W. G. S. Weil: "It is a great loss to the church not to have women clergy. Housewives and girls would confide in them readily and some women would make very good preachers."

The women at the meeting nodded agreeably. It was something to think about.

TAKE THE WIFE ALONG Should children tag along when servicemen are ordered overseas? Very definitely, said President Eisenhower.

The more of them the better. It's good public policy and a great boost for morale.

The United States spends some seventy million dollars to maintain service dependents abroad (anyone from a sergeant or even a corporal with seven years' service can have his family with him).

And the Army view is that it is worth every penny and a lot more. Eisenhower, questioned at his news conference as "an old soldier" ("Make no mistake, I'm proud of that title") admitted that the presence of women and children in potential trouble zones could cause very acute problems. But, he pointed out, don't forget this is a cold

war, not a shooting war. The United States wants to put her best foot forward and to look confident. If the dependents were not allowed to go with the men it would look as if the United States was frightened to death, and expecting an attack momentarily.

As a clincher for his argument he cited the case of Mamie his wife. She was with him in Europe in 1931 at a time of great tension. It was so great, he said, that two or three months later the head of one of the principal travel agencies told him the mere fact that Mrs. Eisenhower was there was going to be no travel into one of the finest travel seasons of their whole career.

NO SALE Not even £8,500 will persuade the chummy Scots in Paisley to part with their rare book, Audubon's "Birds of America," published in 1827-38.

A London rare book dealer offered this world record price, but the Scots declared: "The book stays in Scotland."

So it will remain under guard in Paisley Museum—properly of the proud Scots.

And they guard it well. No body is allowed to see it unless a watchful official is near by. The book is one of the most famous works in existence. Its four volumes stand over four feet high, are three feet broad and contain 435 hand-coloured, life-size plates of 1,065 American birds, 495 of them supposedly extinct.

SPONSORED SNOOPERS Because of complaints about the take-it-or-leave-it and couldn't-care-less attitude of "nationalised" shopkeepers in Czechoslovakia, the Red satellite government has formed a special corps of super-snoopers with orders to see that Czech shopkeepers behave.

The snoopers, picked from the "Czech public" and holding office for one year, must make frequent checks on all shops in their area and ensure that they are properly equipped, clean and efficiently run; the display windows are in "good taste."

And the prices marked on the tags are correct; the assistants serve customers "willingly and politely"; the proper opening and closing times are observed.

In addition, the snoopers are also authorised to examine the books and check up stocks, delivery, dates and wholesale prices. To make their task easier, all shopkeepers must keep a "complaints book"—to be filled in if and when necessary by the customers and inspected periodically by the government snoopers.

NO WONDER THEY GOSSIPED ABOUT THE NEW TENANT

STEPHEN CRANE: an omnibus. Heinemann, 21s. 703 pages.

THE new tenant of the ancient manor house of Brede Place in Sussex attracted curiosity and admiration in the early weeks of 1899.

He was a gaunt, handsome young American of 26, with poker player's eyes, and he dressed as if he were on a hunting expedition in the Alleghanies.

Literary visitors from London were thrilled by his casual way of handling a six-shooter. He was named Stephen Crane. A trail of legendary fame, a faint aroma of scandal followed him.

Crane looked back on a crowded, adventurous life; he had only a few months of life to look forward to. Eminent figures of the English literary world came to salute the wonderful young man in whom they saw a writer of genius. To admire and then to pity. For soon it was obvious that Crane was going to die of tuberculosis.

Reckless

Some visitors came to Brede Place for other reasons, for the poker playing, the wild parties. Others again were drawn by curiosity over the remarkable woman who was called Crane's wife.

Crane (his father a Methodist pastor, his mother a temperance lecturer) had starred as a vagrant free-lance journalist haunting flophouses in the Bowery of New York. He had fallen foul of the local police through championing a prostitute against their persecution. He had flustered in Cuba and, as a Hearst reporter, had suffered hardships in the Greek and Cuban wars—hardships that were to cost him his life.

It had been a reckless, gaudy career, but nothing in it was gaudier than his wife.

She had been Cora Howarth of New England, married to a British officer who later became Sir Donald Stewart. She turned up in Jacksonville, Florida,

as a mistress of a wealthy yachtman whom she persuaded to set her up as manageress of a place she named Hotel de Dream. There Crane found her.

Lady Stewart, as she called herself, was Crane's devoted companion and nurse until he died, burned out, in 1900. After that she drifted back to her previous occupation in Jacksonville. In a last act of devotion, her new establishment was built as a copy of Brede Place.

Crane was—and is—famous, first in Britain, then in America, for a novel called "The Red Badge of Courage."

By George Blind to the splendour of drill and discipline, The Red Badge tells in strong colours and violently effective imagery of one young man's experience of fear and courage, of beauty, horror and death, during a battle of the American Civil War (which ended six years before Crane was born).

To the annoyance of his champions, Crane is regarded as a one-book man. Readers of this over-edited "omnibus" volume, in which appear some excellent short stories and the story of a New York street girl, Maggie, will conclude that The Red Badge has a majesty denied to his other work.

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THE SURPRISE OF CREMONA. By Edith and Spottiswoode. Eyre and Spottiswoode, 18s. 29s.

TRAVEL books come in many varieties. One is all churches; another sticks to restaurants and wine-lists; one is a history of the most gushing and "evocative" some ignore the country altogether, and lovingly concentrate on exhibiting the personality of the author. The best hold the balance between egoism and information. Edith Templeton's is a sprightly example, with six Italian cities as its theme.

She is unabashed by the churches; hears, with no excess of piety, the Christian martyrs' teeth being rattled in a glass

tube by the verger's daughter; describes food with poetic ardour: "The squids have not been cut up into neat strips, but torn into irregular shreds, and their flesh, white inside, is rosy with crimson freckles on the outside, like the lip of a pink orchid."

On one important Italian topic Mrs Templeton speaks out where earlier writers have been silent: Italian men and how to deal with them. In the female foreign tourist, the Italian male finds a solution to his life's problem: how to have amorous adventure without the tedious sequel of loud-voiced mothers and heavily-armed brothers.

With the travelling foreigner, the Italian can be gloriously irresponsible. He is attentive, practised, overwhelming, ferocious. "A woman who is not worth killing is not worth having at all."

Mrs Templeton has studied the species at close range; she has isolated a sub-species, "The Tired One," rich, haughty, about 30 to 40 years old, with no intention of getting married; tired of life, their headquarters the most elegant cafe in the town. Pursuit of foreign women is their only source of excitement.

Classification

Seen through the eyes of the Tired One, Italian women are classified thus: prettiest, Trieste; best lovers, Ferrara—alas, not well-groomed; greatest beauties, Rome—but too classical in style; Perugia, quite lovely—sweet as they go, only they do not go very far!

Advice on how to deal with the Italian male:

When he comes with his usual request to be allowed to accompany you, say something like "Alas, it is not possible." "But why?" "Because I am on my way to meet my lover." "Perhaps I am better than your lover." "Is he nice?" "Oh, your heart on your heart, turn your eyes heavenward, and say: 'He is—I can't tell you how wonderful!'"

Mrs Templeton guarantees success. She is also interesting on the Ravenna mosaics.

NOTE: The Surprise of Cremona was an historical event. In 1702, Prince Eugene with a handful of soldiers, surprised the French Governor of Cremona, General Villeroi, with his mistress, and took him prisoner. It was the great joke with the Tired Ones of that year.

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SOLDIERING ON. By Sir Hubert Gough. Barker, 18s. 260 pages.

WHEN little Hubert Gough, and his brother Johnnie walked to church on Sunday mornings, their father would point to a near-by hill and ask: "How would you dispose your troops to attack that, assuming you had a battalion of infantry, a battery and a squadron of cavalry?"

It proved to be an excellent preparation for life. Hubert Gough heard his first shot fired 87 years ago. He was the first officer of the relieving force to enter Ladysmith. He was the storm centre of the Curragh Incident, when, like other Irish Protestant officers of his brigade,

he was ready to resign his commission rather than march against Ulster.

He ordered the first shot to be fired by a British battery in the 1914-18 war and became the youngest army commander. Now, in his eighties, he is a cheerful, belligerent figure with the twinkling relics of an Irish temper. He forgives and remembers.

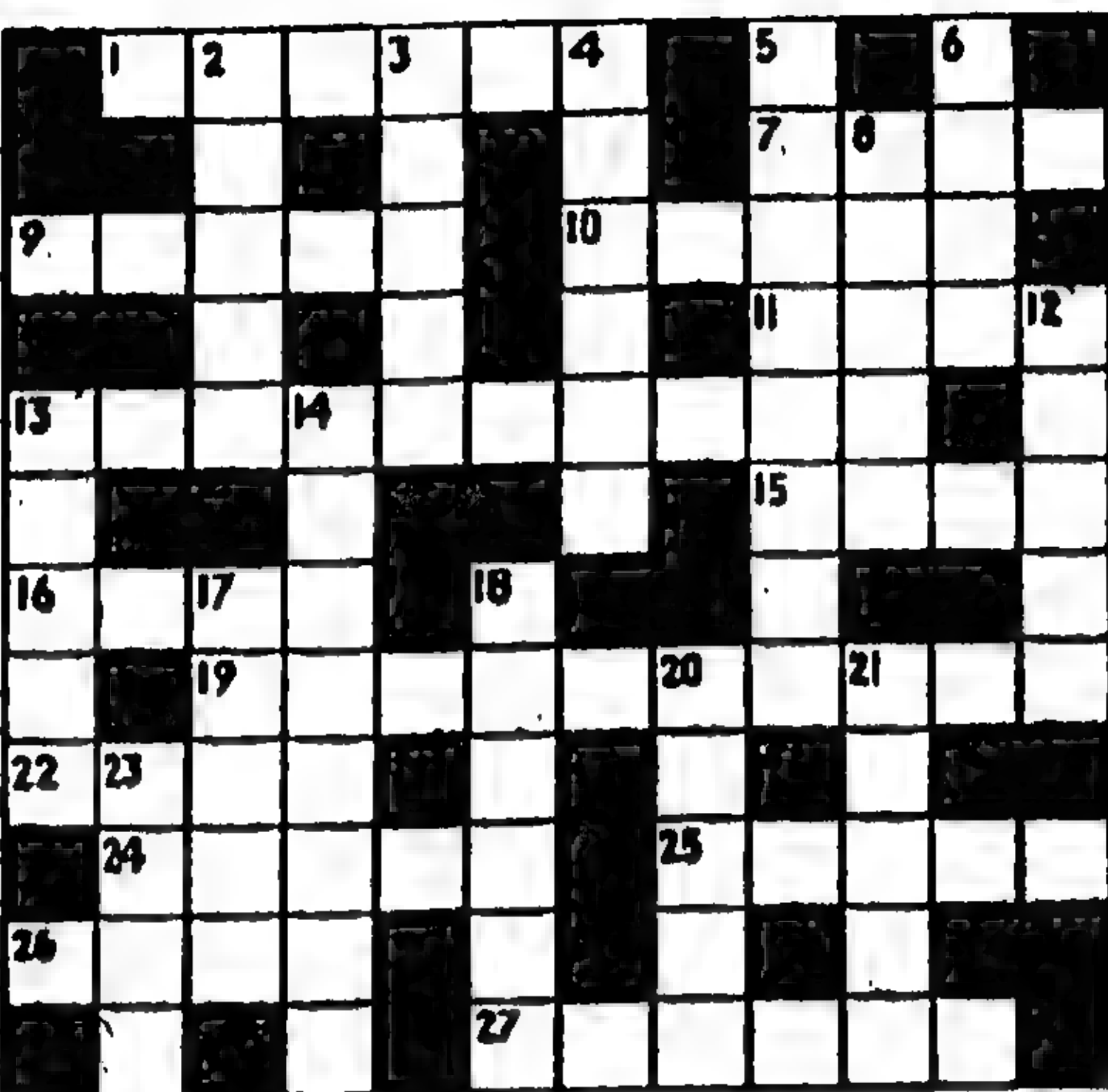
WINSTON CHURCHILL, a fresh-faced subaltern of the 4th Hussars, standing with his back to the fire in the gunners' mess at Feshaw, lecturing his seniors on the art of war: "Brought up in the 18th Lancers, I did not at all approve of this somewhat bumptious attitude. Such style would never have been tolerated in our mess."

EARL WAVELL, "I was largely responsible for my brother Johnnie's lectures at the Staff College; that he compiled his well-known book on Generalship."

EARL HAIG, "Unfortunately placed complete command in General Curragh, I think of his intelligence." "Curragh is a good word, isn't it? Always told him something he wanted to hear."

The book is a collection of letters and speeches, and is a most interesting and readable volume. It is a must for all who are interested in the history of the British Army.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Expressed (6)
 - Noblemen (4)
 - Farwell (5)
 - Patrol (5)
 - Detail (4)
 - Consider (10)
 - Extent (4)
 - Fuel (4)
 - Visages (10)
 - Fate (4)
 - Chatter (5)
 - Loufer (5)
 - Dispatched (4)
 - International agreement (10)
- DOWN**
- Test (5)
 - Part of the hand (5)
 - Leave (6)
 - Be undecided (8)
 - Liberalise (4)
 - Flower (5)
 - Repeats (5)
 - Drugged (6)
 - Familiar (8)
 - Bedrock (6)
 - Obvious (6)
 - Balance (6)
 - Distribute (5)
 - Frank (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Sift, 4 Storm, 7 United, 8 Drift, 10 Thaw, 12 Belated, 15 Trail, 16 Dare, 17 Epic, 18 Stoop, 20 Darts, 21 Rest, 23 Cache, 24 Notion, 25 Study, 26 Dugout. Down: 1 Scuttled, 2 Imitates, 3 Lacs, 5 Turmoil, 6 Harter, 9 Potty, 11 Watched, 12 Bison, 13 Tapering, 14 Destined, 18 Pedant, 22 Hob.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Ringing In The New Year

BY HARRY WEINERT



THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SIXTH RACE MEETING

Monday 27th December 1954 & Saturday 1st January 1955
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 12 o'clock NOON and the First Race run at 12.30 p.m. on both days.
The Time Interval is after the Third Race (1.30 p.m.) on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.30 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the seating domains in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each for the second day of the meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.30 a.m. on 1st January.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be received for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 24th December, 1954, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

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Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Canton Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 10.30 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

"NOW, DON'T PRAISE ME" SAYS THE NEW NAPOLEON OF SOCCER

By ALAN HOBY

If you speak Esperanto and French, write shorthand and hold a certificate in book-keeping, does that make you a good football manager? It does if you are Stan Cullis—architect of our Soccer recovery, 'Football's man of the year' and the brains behind Wolves' wonderful win over the Hungarians.

"Tough Guy" Cullis would be the last to claim any of these distinctions, yet everything he does, he does well.

For Stanley is a perfectionist. This one-time grocery's assistant who, as a boy, studied at night school three times a week, tells all his players: "You give me 100 per cent and I'll give you 100 per cent back."

NOTHING LESS

"But give me anything LESS and you're OUT." As part of this "100 per cent" policy, Wolves get the "best of everything"—top wages, top benefits, a top-class trainer in Joe Gardiner and a qualified physio-therapist in Leslie Palmer.

Master-mind Cullis omits no detail to ensure supreme physical fitness.

Every morning Billy Wright and the boys line up for ballist oil capsules. Twice a week they are given sun-lamp treatment to build up their energy.

One-Club man Cullis, of course, has been a "100 per cent" right from the start. At 17 he captained Wolves "A" team. At 18 he captained

the reserves. At 19 he was skipper of the first eleven.

At 20 he played for England. At 22 he was promoted captain, representing his country 33 times. So tough and commanding was "Croucher" Cullis on the field that I once wrote of him:—

"If you kicked him in the heart you'd break your leg." Far from recenting this, Cullis, who always played to win, told me later: "That was the best thing ever written about me."

RETIRED AT 30

But at 30, Cullis—the best all-round centre-half I have seen—retired.

A year later he was appointed manager of Wolves, the youngest in the League.

Since then he doubts if he has had more than a dozen days off.

A Rotarian and father of two children—Andrew, six, and Susan Anne, who is two—the Wolverhampton boss works from 9.15 a.m. to 6 p.m. During that time his phone scarcely stops ringing.

He often goes back in the evenings, and can be found in his office any Sunday morning.

"Hebbies? Football is my only hobby," he'll tell you.

Now, with the humbling of Spartak and Honved, the boy whose first job 20 years ago at Molineux was picking the week's line-up, is reaching the top-most pinnacle of success.

Cullis was first signed by the fabulous Major Buckley for

£2 10s. a week. Today, at 38, he is one of the highest-salaried managers in the game.

Cullis's jet-propelled young Wolves, the League Champions, have been attacked by Soccer's pundits because they don't play classic football.

"Their chief admits that Wolves base their game on the 'long ball'—a pass not more than 30 yards in length—but adds: 'The Hungarians use it freely, too!'"

A FALLACY, HE SAYS

Cullis dismisses as a fallacy the theory that to play good football you must always keep the ball on the ground.

Just as the Russians have applied science to athletics, Cullis has brought science to Soccer.

"Obviously, I can't disclose our tactical secrets," he told me, "but from the detailed graphs which Wing-Commander Reeps has kept over the past few years, plotting every Wolves move during a match, a common thread has emerged. Now we know what to discard and what to use."

Cullis—he once wanted to be a journalist—showed me cables and messages of congratulation from every part of the world.

"But don't praise me," he said. "We've got a really decent set of fellows here and any success we've had is due to them."

Money talks: Since he became manager, Cullis has netted Wolves more than £200,000 in transfer fees—a record.

—(London Express Service).



Stan Cullis, Wolves' manager, at his desk.—Express Photo.

England's Test Win Is Good For The Series

Says FRANK ROSTRON

England's winning of the exciting Sydney Second Test has put glory back into the Australian summer for the MCC. It has also done many other things to a series that threatened to become a rout and a financial flop.

Hutton and Morris, the rival captains, both agreed with me that England's victory was "good for cricket" and would provide a fillip to the whole sagging Australian season.

Here is a credit balance of the things achieved:

1. Had there been a clear Australian victory to add to that Brisbane debacle in the remaining Tests would

have tumbled and with it the financial receipts.

2. On the playing side, victory has stopped the MCC touring party developing, at a most critical time, an inferiority complex which would have been fatal in the remaining Tests.

3. The Test emphasised England's erratic batting but England's leading bowlers have stressed that even with their all-rounders, Australia's batting is no more consistent.

4. The magnificent bowling of Tyson, Statham and Bailey has proved England can at last do without Bodeck. Whether they should or not, however, is a different matter.

After negligible use of Apley and Wardle I think Bedser is certain to be back in the team in Melbourne, where he has always done well.

MAGNIFICENTLY

Statham and Tyson have developed magnificently on this tour. They were the chief factors in the Test success. "Tyson and Statham put up one of the best fast bowling performances in my experience, especially when you consider the wicket remained good and easy right to the end," said skipper Len Hutton.

Little did I think in the days immediately after the war, when Lindwall and Miller were blasting England without retaliation, that by 1954 England would have three fast bowlers of the class of Tyson, Statham and Trueman.

With Lindwall and Miller nearing the end of their careers as shock bowlers and the England trio just starting, this could herald an era of English bowling superlative not enjoyed since the days of Larwood, Voce, Bowes and Allen.

"Gubby" Allen, former England skipper and that bowler, said to me: "I would not like to compare this with the body-line days (in which Allen was directly concerned) but Tyson and Statham's bowling was top class. It was absolutely thrilling."

RESTORED PRESTIGE

The match has also helped restore the prestige of Len Hutton as a captain. He has not yet realised English hopes as a batsman. But it's good to see England winning a Test match without undue dependence on Hutton's individual scores.

And though few agreed with Hutton's omission of Bedser and

his manoeuvres at the start of this match he certainly handled his side with marked authority on the final day.

Hutton's sure touch has helped to efface criticism of his control in the First Test. He referred to this when he said: "We deserved to win and would have won more easily if we had bowled first."

When I queried "In other words you're saying if you'd won the toss you would have put Australia in again?" Hutton replied, humorously, "Yes, if I hadn't had so many newspaper correspondents with me to tell me what to do!"

—(London Express Service).

In The Realm Of Sport The Year 1954 Will Go Down To History In Britain

London, Dec. 30.

In the realm of sport, the year 1954 will go down to history in Britain. Indeed, it may be argued that it was the year of the century—the year in which a mortal for the first time beat four minutes for the mile on foot.

The man who achieved this feat on a blustery May day at Oxford was Dr Roger Bannister. For this outstanding feat, he must be considered the number one sportsman in Britain.

Not only did he become the first man to break the four-minute barrier with a time of 3 minutes 59.4 seconds, but he showed his ability as a man who can run against opponents as well as a watch by beating the Australian, John Landy, in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games Mile at Vancouver in 3 minutes 58.8 seconds.

Landy had previously established a new world record for the Mile at Turku, Finland, with a time of 3 minutes 58.7 seconds.

Dr Bannister has now hung up his shoes for good and retired from the track in his prime of life and at the peak of his form. He feels that the walk of life he has chosen, to be a doctor, will make it quite impossible for him to give of his best.

NUMBER TWO

If Bannister rates Number One, as is the view of the sports writers, then his friend and rival, Chris Chataway must come as Number Two. Indeed there are those who would rate Chataway above Bannister though there is no really sound reason for doing so.

One can see their point, however. In Britain there is usually the louder cheer for the gallant loser and it is not forgotten that Chataway not only helped Bannister to his breaking of four minutes for the Mile but Lanxy too. Moreover, he won the Three Miles in the Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver in the Games record time of 13 minutes 35.2 seconds. Perhaps what endeared Chataway to the British public

most of all was his 5,000 Metres race for London against Vladimir Kuts of Moscow in the contest between the two cities.

In this chataway, running the race of his life, revenged his defeat by the Russian in the European Championships in Berne by a victory in the last stride in the new world record time of 13 minutes 51.8 seconds. Kuts later beat this time in Prague.

ON THE TURF

On the Turf, there were the Queen's Great Successes which enabled her to top the list of winning owners for the first time; the retirement of Sir Gordon Richards, the first jockey ever to be knighted; and the payment of £27,800 for a mare, Festoon, by a British owner in the face of strong American competition.

On the soccer field the Midland's club, Wolverhampton Wanderers, won magnificent victories over the crack Russian and Hungarian clubs, Spartak and Honved respectively.

The club captain, Billy Wright, who captained England, proved himself to be still among the foremost half-backs in the world, while Stanley Matthews, though 39 years of age, showed in a display against the World Champions, Germany, that he is still a very great winger.

In the cricket world the season was notable for the advance of two young amateurs, Colin Cowdrey and Peter May, who give promise of becoming two of England's great batsmen. England is not a county of cyclists. Yet against the Continental stars it was England

that provided the two fastest men on wheels in 1954 in Reg Harris and Cyril Peacock. Professional and Amateur Sprint Champions of the World. Peacock also became the Sprint Champion of the Empire.

On other wheels, motorcyclist Geoffrey Duke showed himself to be a 500 cc rider and Stirling Moss and Mike Hawthorn proved that in driving motor cars they have few superiors for skill and pluck.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer: Seafarers' Football Match: Offshore and Cadeja v. The Rest at 4.30 p.m. Cricket: The Third Test England v. Australia in Melbourne.

TOMORROW

Racing: Sixth Race Meeting at Happy Valley; Saddling Hill at Noon. Road Race: Harrier Road Race, Kin Magistracy 10 a.m. Soccer: Div 1: Sing Tao v. Eastern (Club); Navy v. St. Joseph (Navy); South China v. Kitching (C. Hill); Police v. Club (B.B.) All games at 4 p.m. Div 2A: Sing Tao v. Club (Club); St. Joseph v. Gymnasium (Navy); South China v. Kwong Wah (C. Hill); Police v. Tai Koo (B.B.); Eastern v. K.M.B. (Bpool). All at 2.30 p.m. Div 2B: Solicitors v. Prisoners; Dockyard v. L. Sai Wan; Jardines v. B.B. All at 2.30 p.m. C.M.B. v. Telephone; C.M.C. v. W. v. Tram; Dairy Farm v. R.M.C. All at 4 p.m. All games at Happy Valley. Children's Sports: Annual Children's Sports at K.C.C. at 2 p.m.

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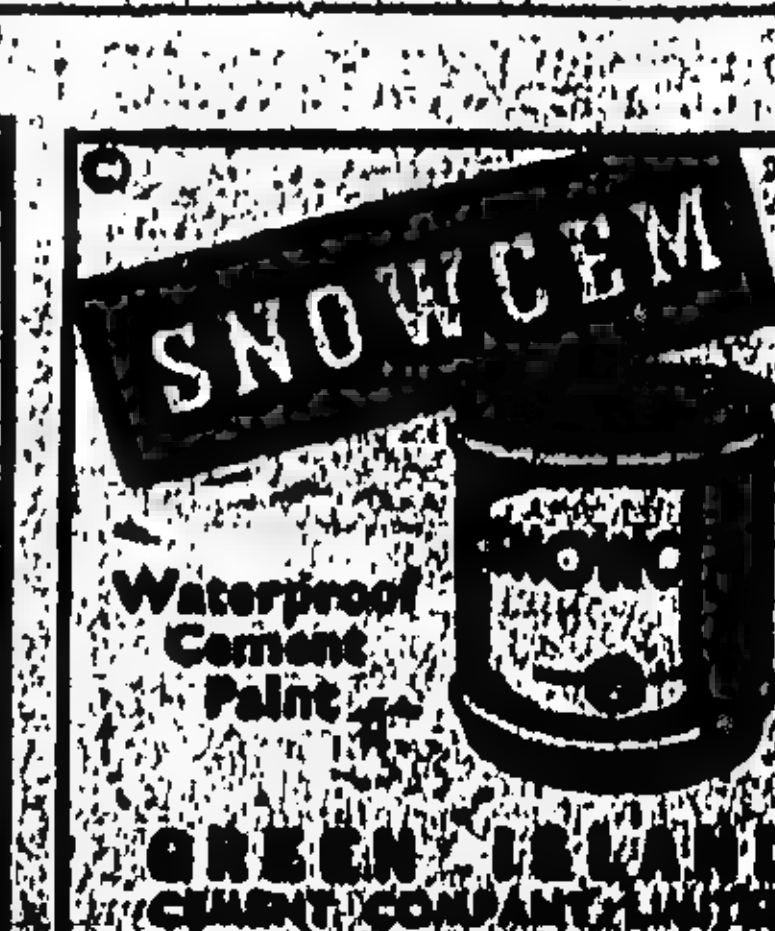
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Unconscious humour



Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The second and concluding day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Race Meeting at Happy Valley tomorrow starts at 12.30 p.m. sharp. The first saddling bell will be rung at 12.00 noon. The 15-min interval will follow after the running of the Third Race (1.30 p.m.), and the first bell after 15 min will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The main event of the afternoon is the Stewards' Cup for Class 1 ponies over Six Furlongs. In addition there are eight interesting handicap races with a novice event to open the meeting.

Here are my estimates of the changes:

FIRST RACE

Tytam Bay Handicap (First Section): From 2-Mile Post.

The programme opens with an event confined to Class 7 ponies to be ridden by novice riders over the two-mile post. I think Fox Hunter (Mr. S. L. Chan) has advanced in condition to be a menace to the best in this race.

Without doubt major contention should come from Fleetmaster (Mr. Starr Liu) which at 130 lb. will take a lot of beating.

Colin (Mr. H. K. Cheng), if we remember its last defeat by a head from Henrietta at the last meeting with Mr. Samarcq up, is not out of the running by any means.

Scrabo (Mr. Barthropp) has been doing good early morning track work lately and its chances of scoring here are rather bright.

SECOND RACE

Clear Water Bay Handicap: From 1 1/2-Mile Post.

This race is confined to Class 3 ponies. Tum Thumb (Mr. Chen Foo) and Squadron Leader (Mr. Kwok) impressed me with their morning workouts. I particularly liked the way the former was moving and I think it should win.

Giddup (Mr. H. C. Pih) can easily score again if it can only produce its form of the last meeting.

Jip On (Mr. Plumby) also can be very near in this.

Hollzapoppin (Mr. Robert Tait) is good for a long shot.

THIRD RACE

Quarry Bay Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

This race will be contested by Class 8 ponies.

Tune-phone (Mr. C. A. Leo), as it came in second in the Laytown Handicap (Second Section) over the two-mile post at the last meeting, has a great opportunity of winning this race.

Desert Gold (Mr. Andrew Chan) has shown improvement in morning gallops after coming third in the above race (First Section) and will probably have a say at the finish.

Elders' Wish (Mr. Wei) is improving in its morning gallops and should be worth a \$5 bet each way.

Green Velvet (Mr. T. L. Wong) and Wild Out (Mr. Chuang) are also good enough to extend the favourites.

FOURTH RACE

Causeway Bay Handicap: Six Furlongs.

In this sprint race for Class 4 ponies it will not be an easy matter to spot the winner.

In view of its win in the Musselburgh Handicap (First Section) over the mile for Class 5 ponies at the Fourth Race Meeting, Royal Command (Mr. Samarcq) will no doubt command the most support.

Main threat is Pay Day (Mr. Wei) which gave a good performance last time out in the

Rob Roy Handicap over this distance in coming in second.

Beautiful Phoenix (Mr. C. L. Gregory) is in fine condition at the moment and should be near.

Can Do (Mr. Lam King-tak) may upset all calculations if given a runaway start.

FIFTH RACE

Tytam Bay Handicap (Second Section): From 2-Mile Post.

Henrietta (Mr. Kwok), although penalised by 7 lbs on account of its win in the Folkestone Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the last meeting, is still maintaining its good form and should have a good chance of registering another win tomorrow.

Given a decent start, a very fit Blonde, Mr. H. C. Woo up, should be able to upset Henrietta in this race.

Tip Top, Mr. C. L. Liu up, has improved much and this combination should be attractive.

For outsiders I will look towards Crown Witness (Mr. Plumby) and Trade Wind (Mr. T. L. Wong).

SIXTH RACE

Stewards' Cup: Six Furlongs.

This is the main event of the day in which Class 1 ponies will battle out the finish.

Fire-glo (Mr. Kwok) is in the pink of condition and the sprint may suit it just right.

Avicmore (Mr. Oliveira) and Straight Forward (Mr. Ostro-moff) are reputed flyers that are expected to jump out for the leadership right from the start.

The chances of Firefly (Mr. Samarcq) are not entirely remote because of its fitness and mood to run, and if the track is on the heavy side, it should score.

SEVENTH RACE

Deep Bay Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

I have a feeling that Lake Success (Mr. Kwok) will take first place here in a field of 12 starters. The potentialities of this pony are well known and it is coming back fresh and ready for a winning venture.

Two ponies which could provide strong threats are Every Day (Mr. Oliveira) and Cirrus (Mr. Samarcq).

Bright Bay (Mr. H. K. Hung) is improving in its morning gallops and for a long shot this one is worth following.

EIGHTH RACE

Belter Bay Handicap: From 1 1/2-Mile Post.

Norse Lady (Mr. Samarcq) has a lovely chance to make amends for its failure in the Laytown Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting over the two-mile post in running unplaced.

Acroplane (Mr. H. K. Chuang), Amber (Mr. Kwok) and Ironside (Mr. Plumby) are speedy and one of them may spring a surprise.

NINTH RACE

Telegraph Bay Handicap: From 1 1/2-Mile Post.

Logical choice in the last race of the afternoon for Class 3 ponies is Diamond Dalia (Mr. Robert Tait). A win is certainly coming up for this well-conditioned pony.

It will not come as a surprise if it will win over Supreme Command (Mr. Botelho) and Apple Pie (Mr. Williamson).

Tomber (Mr. H. K. Hung) has been acting very frisky during morning exercise and is capable of furnishing an upset.

For a big dividend take a shot at Chinese Mackerel (Mr. S. W. Tang).

Let's Not Tempt The Local Soccer Fans Too Far

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

It is usual at the end of each year or each season for sports writers to look back and produce a retrospect of achievements in their own particular sport or field of activity. I must confess that I had visions of doing just that in this last article of the year... but I have thrown the idea overboard because there are other, and at the moment more important, things to be discussed.

Since last week-end you have probably read and heard all sorts of accurate, distorted or embellished accounts of the happening at the South China-St. Joseph's game at the Club Stadium. The game was quite frankly in many ways a disgrace to Hongkong football, but, in fairness to those individuals who might, by implication, become involved in discussions on the subject, I wish to report an incident which pretty certainly passed the notice of many who saw the game.

In my report on the game I made no bones about the fact that I thought St. Joseph's were to blame for much of the crudity and cruelty that took place and I do not retract one word of it.

Neither do I change my recorded opinion of the utter futility of the work of the referee who could have saved the situation if he had shown even a modicum of firmness or determination in control.

When such unfortunate situations arise innocent folks are apt to get tarred with the same black brush as the culprits. For that reason I was gratified to see and delighted to report that I heard a couple of prominent officials of the St. Joseph's club loudly exhorting their players to cut out the rough stuff, to play the ball, and get on with the game... but I also saw the shrug of the shoulders of one of the players which implied "I'm playing this game my way..."

The conduct of players is a direct reflection on the club whose colours they wear. If the players are disciplined then the reflection is pleasant... if they are undisciplined then nothing but unpleasantness can result.

The Saints have gained the admiration of the local football public by the fundamental excellence of their play this season. This fine old club has come right back to the place of prominence it deserves to occupy... but many of the players have still to show that they are worthy of such prominence and recent performances have obliterated more pleasant memories of their earlier displays.

ASKING TOO MUCH

Some of the South China players were not exactly angels, but in view of the provocation they experienced it would almost have been asking too much to have expected them to maintain their deportment throughout.

However, nothing can be allowed to excuse the rash tackle which Lok Tak-hai made — mercifully unsuccessful — on Augusto Rocha... but I believe the South China officials will already have dealt with that matter on their own.

It is a sad state of affairs that at this time of the season — a season that has never been devoid of interest — one should have to write in this vein, but what has happened must not be played down or forgotten conveniently any more than it should be exaggerated.

The unjustified demonstration against Referee Kearney in the following day — he was pelted with orange peel because he accepted a linesman's decision — was a clear indication that the spectators who support the game are getting a bit on edge... are ready to demonstrate their disapproval of the present situation.

That is not a healthy position. The spectators have been tolerant and long suffering. They pay their hard-earned dollars and cents to see their favourites playing — and being allowed to play — football. They have shown that, whatever their partisan-inspired dislike, they are ready to cheer and praise the opposition if it wins fairly and squarely... remember the grand double demonstration of appreciation accorded to Jones the Club goalie, when recently his gallant display shut out the scoring efforts of the KMB forwards???

TRIED TO THE LIMIT

Now, however, they are being tried to the limit. They will not go on watching their favourite players being deliberately intimidated or physically mauled and it is therefore in the public interest that the HKFA, the officials of the various clubs, the referees, and, of course, the players give serious thought to the position.

Already this season such fine players as Tong Sheung, Chan Kar-sau, Ho Cheung-yau, Honan-bill and now Lok Tak-hai have been absent from the game for considerable periods due to field injuries. I am not suggesting that all of them were deliberately incapacitated... but there was a significant lack of accident about one or two of them.

Many suggestions have been put forward as to how this current trend towards power play can be stopped... but I believe that the real remedy is right in the hands of the club officials, for I cannot conceive that any of them would be so base as to send a player on to the field with direct instructions to cripple an opponent... but what they can do is to send them out with the clear understanding that the club will not tolerate field misconduct at any price. I realise that this may sound idealistic... but it can be done... and it is, in some cases, being done successfully already.

The reputation of Hong Kong's spectators is excellent and the record of their behaviour is an enviable one...

Let's keep it that way... don't let's see them tempted too far.

WITH A BANG

The New Year will come in with a bang for local fans who have an attractive programme of games to keep them entertained over the weekend. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday

Sing Tao v. Eastern at Club Stadium at 4 p.m.
Navy v. St. Joseph's at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m.
South China v. Kitchee at Caroline Hill at 4 p.m.

Sunday

Governor's Cup Match
HKFA v. CAAF at Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m.
Caroline Hill will house another capacity crowd when League leaders Kitchee tackle South China. The previous meeting of the teams produced a hard and tough struggle a week or two ago and the one-all score sheet was just about right.

Kitchee are making a great effort to retain their leading position, and they will contest every inch of the way to come out on top this time.

South China will require to adjust their ranks to replace Lok Tak-hai and, as Tong Sheung didn't look too fit against St. Joseph's, they may find difficulty in warding off the Kitchee challenge.

This sort of game is the tipster's dilemma. It is very much a case of backing a hunch rather than trying to analyse the result. South China must win to keep in the race... but somehow I don't think Kitchee will lose, and in fact they will probably win if Chu Wing-keung can recapture the form he showed last Monday.

Over at Causeway Bay St. Joseph's look near certain to beat Navy and the last match between Eastern and Sing Tao could well end in a division of the points.

The Governor's Cup match on Sunday will attract another big crowd who can be sure of getting 90 minutes of good entertainment. The HKFA side with a strong framework of six Army players looks strong enough on paper but somehow the CAAF sides have a habit of producing their best form in this competition and they will certainly start favourites in this match at Caroline Hill.

And finally may I take this opportunity of sending my best wishes to the footballing fraternity in the Colony. To the fans, good entertainment; to the officials, good judgment; and to the players, the success your play deserves, and of course a happy freedom from injury.

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WEEK-END SOFTBALL Saints Meet Pandas In Sunday's Main Feature

There will be five good, well-balanced games for softball fans on Sunday, January 2 — two in the Senior "A" League, three for the Juniors and one in the Ladies' League.

Main interest will be centred in the outcome of the "hot" match between League-leading St. Joseph's and the tough Pandas. These two teams are well known for their powerful offensive and defensive line-ups.

Vic Pedruco of the Saints and Jackie Wolf of Pandas are undoubtedly the two best mound-men in this colony. The former is faster in his pitching, better in fielding and is the holder of home-run record of the Senior "A" League, while the latter has more spin and variety in his serving of the ball and experience of the game.

Behind the home plate, Saints' Ignar Erickson is safe in hitting the sphere and fast in slipping a steal and Pandas' Raymond Tso is, though less steady, faster on the throw and better in hitting.

On the diamond, both hot-corner guardians Benny Omar and Wallace Ma of the two teams are veteran players with the former a shade better in batting. Shortstop Onofre Souza of Saints is certainly less experienced than Y. S. Liang of Pandas who is not only sturdier in the windy alley but also slugs harder. Saints' second baseman Arturo Ozorio is faster on the run, and has a better understanding of the game, but Pandas' Willie Woo is steeper in clubbing a safety.

First stationer A. Ditta of Saints is sturdier than young Gary Yen or K. C. Leung of the Bears. However, the latter seems to possess more agility.

In the outer field, Saints have old-timers All Yung, Dave Leonard, Jindoo Hussain, Binby Ablong, Sherry Buckle, Gussie Percin, and youngsters A. It. Salih, A. G. Ismail and Joaquin Colloco, all of them know how to cover their territory well. Pandas can only count on L. C. Poon, L. P. Lam, Philip Hsu and W. K. Wong. Others such as Frank Chow, Dicky Lau and Ong Ming appear less reliable.

It is rather difficult to predict who will be the ultimate winner as both sides are so well-balanced in all departments and they know one another so thoroughly well. Judging from their recent performance, Pandas seem to be in a little better shape and perhaps will emerge victorious.

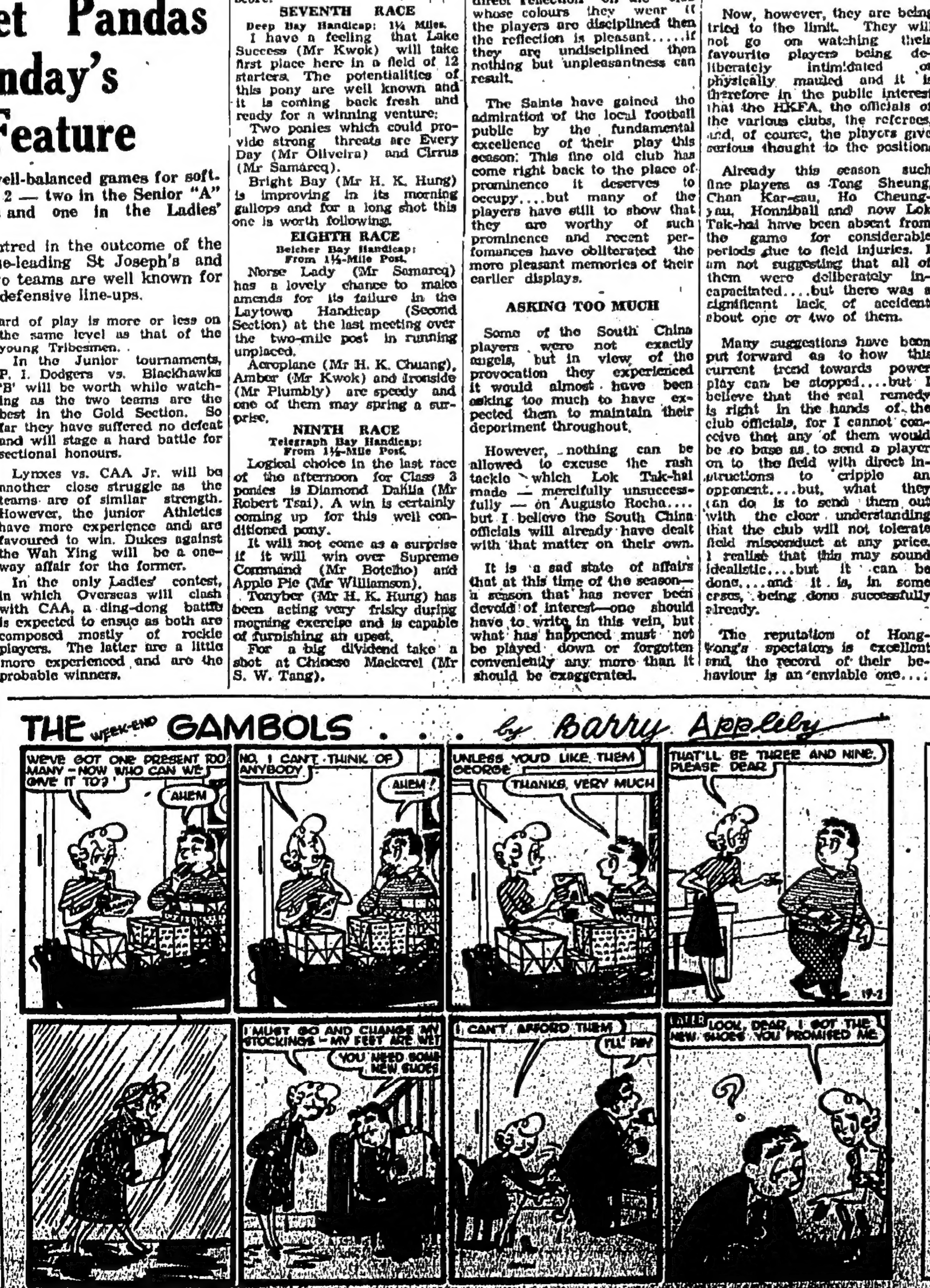
However, there are good reasons to expect to see the Saints walk off triumphantly.

OTHER GAMES

The other game between the U.S. Navy and Delaware will be played at 1.30 p.m. U.S. Navy will still be represented by USN Wilson team whose stand-

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SUPERSTITIONS DATE BACK MANY CENTURIES

New Year Brings Strange Beliefs

TWO thousand years ago, the ancient Romans had a wise and powerful god called Janus, for whom our month of January is named. What made Janus wiser than most of the other gods was the fact that he had two heads, facing in opposite directions. Thus, he was able to see what had already happened in the past and what would come to pass in the future.

So even now on the first day of January, many people believe that they can tell what is in store for them throughout the year to come.

AT MIDNIGHT

In Bulgaria, for instance, the boys and girls drop a leaf in a pan of water on New Year's Eve. If it is fresh and green in the morning, they will have good health for the year. Some believe that at midnight of the last day of the year, the heavens open and the lucky ones who catch a glimpse of Paradise will have their dearest wish come true.

In English villages, boys go around making chalk marks on houses, which are supposed to be signs of good luck for the people who live there. In Czechoslovakia boys and girls plant a tiny candle in a nut-shell, and set it in a pan of water. If it floats towards the centre of the dish, they will enjoy a journey somewhere. If it stays close to the edge, they'll stay at home all year.

The Hungarians "touch a pig for luck." A little porker, with a bright ribbon around its neck, is let loose at midnight to run through the town. Whoever can touch the little fellow is sure of a year's good luck. If you lived in Denmark and accidentally broke a cup or plate while washing the dishes, you wouldn't throw the pieces away. No, indeed. Every bit of

broken crockery is saved until New Year's Eve and thrown against the door of friends' houses. The idea of the pile in your front yard, next morning, shows how many friends you have and the amount of good luck you may expect for the coming year.

Many people believe they can predict the kind of weather to come from the weather on New Year's Day. If the sky is red that day, the Swiss predict a year of storms, fires, and war. And in some districts of Germany the farmers use onions to forecast the weather. They take twelve onions and hollow out the centre which they fill with salt. The onions are carried up to the attic and each one named after a month, January, February, March, and so on. The salt in some of the onions will dissolve quickly—those will be wet, rainy months. In others, the salt will still remain—these months will be dry.

On New Year's Eve, some folks believe the farm animals—horses, cows, sheep, and dogs—talk to each other about how their master has treated them all year. But no farmer sneaks into his barn to listen, for he will surely die within the year.

FIRST DAY GIFTS

In Spain, if you do not have a gold coin, you must beg or borrow one when you venture out on the street on New Year's Day. Empty pockets then means empty pockets the rest of the year. To meet a beggar is bad luck too. And children must not quarrel or cry, for whatever you do on New Year's Day you'll be doing all through the year.

The custom of giving gifts on the first day of the year is much older than the giving of presents at Christmas. The ancient Romans used to give branches of trees as omens of good luck, while the children could safely demand a gift and be sure of getting it that day.

A VERY SWEET STORY!

—General Tin Tells Everyone All About Sugar

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were having dinner with Mr. Punch and Judy and General Tin the Tin Soldier and Teddy the Stuffed Bear. They were all grouped around the dinner table.

"Pass the sugar, please," said Judy to Knarf and Hanid. For the sugar bowl was at their end of the table.

The Subject Is Sugar
Hanid reached for the sugar bowl and passed it to Knarf, who passed it to Teddy the Stuffed Bear, who passed it to General Tin, who passed it to Mr. Punch, who passed it to Judy, who said "thank you" and helped herself to a spoonful.

It was then that Knarf said: "Where does sugar come from? Does it grow in lumps on trees, or is it found somewhere in piles like white sand at the seashore?"

Before anyone else had a chance to answer, Teddy the Stuffed Bear replied: "Sugar comes from the sugar bowl. Everyone knows that!"

But Hanid said to Teddy: "Sugar doesn't come from the sugar bowl. It's just put there. If it comes from anywhere, said Knarf, it comes from the grocer's."

Then General Tin started to explain about sugar: "Sugar is a very strange thing. You might be surprised to learn that it does really grow. It grows in two different kinds of plants . . . and some of it grows in trees."



One good place to get sugar is from a sugar cane plant.

Everyone was surprised to learn that sugar grew in plants and in trees. General Tin went on: "When sugar is growing, it doesn't look anything like the sugar you take out of the sugar bowl. It's just a juice—a very sweet juice—at first."

"But what plants does sugar come from?" Judy asked General Tin. "Some of it comes from the sugar cane, my dear Judy. Sugar cane is a tall plant, as thin and straight as a cane (which is the reason it has that name). It grows in countries where it's warm. When the sugar cane is cut down and squeezed in a heavy machine, a sweet juice comes pouring out. Then the juice is boiled and evaporated and purified."

And by and by you have little grains of sugar."

"And what's the other plant that sugar comes from?" asked Mr. Punch.

"Beets," replied General Tin. Everyone exclaimed in astonishment. "You mean," cried Knarf, "that sugar comes from the ordinary beet that we have for dinner?"

General Tin nodded. The children agreed that beets did taste sweet. "There's lots of sugar in them too, just as there is in sugar cane," said General Tin. "When the sugar is squeezed out and purified, it becomes sugar too."

Knarf was about to interrupt: "I know what you're going to say," General Tin said quickly. "You want to know how white sugar can come out of red beets."

"Yes, that's it, General Tin."

"Well, when the juice is purified, it is bleached, just as clothes are bleached to make them white."

Hanid's final question was about the sugar that General Tin had mentioned grow on trees. "What kind of trees grow sugar, General Tin? I never heard of sugar trees."

"Sweet Sap"

"I suppose," said General Tin smiling, "that there must be lots of things that none of us has ever heard of. The tree I mean that grows sugar is the sugar maple tree. The juice or sap in the tree makes maple syrup (like the kind you pour on pancakes) and it also makes brown maple sugar. Maple sugar usually comes in big round shapes like large cookies. It's delicious."

Hardly had General Tin finished when Judy called down to the other end of the table. "Would you mind passing me the salt, please?"

But one asked where salt came from. They all knew it came from a salt mine.



Today in some places in England and in Scotland, boys and girls go from house to house as American children do on Halloween, seeking their "tricks or treats." Usually they carry a little purse and sing a song like this:

We are not dolly beggars,
That beg from door to door;
But we are neighbours' children,
Whom you have seen before.
We have a little purse,
Made of stretching leather skin;
We want a little of your money
To line it well within.

Since it is considered "bad luck" not to give a penny or two to the boys and girls usually have their purses well-lined to start the New Year.

In Scotland, everyone—young and old—watches the "Old Year out and the New Year in." Then as the church bells ring and the bagpipes play, they all dash madly to the house of some relative or friend to be "first-foot." Whoever is the "first-foot" visitor to enter a house is supposed to bring good luck to all who live there and be lucky himself through the coming year. But the "first-foot"

should be tall and dark. If he has red hair—and there are lots of red-haired people in Scotland—he will bring bad luck instead.

—By M. L. Hopcraft

Some Good New Year Resolutions

The Path To Popularity Is As Easy As A,B,C

MOST boys and girls want to be popular. It's surprising that everyone doesn't discover the secret. Popularity is as easy as A, B, C!

A civility always attracts. Keep something interesting going on around you.

Busy hands (yours) and busy brains (yours, too) will not only keep you out of mischief but in a wide circle of friends.

C onsideration for others is one of the vital points of popularity. Dependability goes a long way toward making people like you.

E nergy you must, have, so follow those health rules.

F riendliness is one of the most attractive traits of personality. Be friendly to everyone.

G alety is a good attitude to cultivate. Life is real and life is earnest, but you needn't be long-faced about it.

H igh standards of behaviour make for enduring popularity.

I deals, (high like your standards) help you choose the best in friendships.

J oolly good times make happy memories and happy memories hold friends together in spite of time and distance.

K now yourself. Develop every talent you have.

L ikable people have more friends than either the beautiful or the brainy.

M oney? No. Popularity can never be bought, so money or the lack of it isn't important. N ice you do need to be. Not a "Nice Ned or Nancy" but what people mean when they say "a thoroughly nice person."

O ut-going-ness is a fine trait, even if we have to invent a word to describe it. If you want to be popular, cultivate an out-going interest in others.

P ersistence means that you know time is the raw material of life. Respect both yours and other people's.

Q uer your chances? That's what you'll do if you let popularity spoil you.

R eserve is a desirable trait. Don't spend yourself on a billboard for the whole world to read.

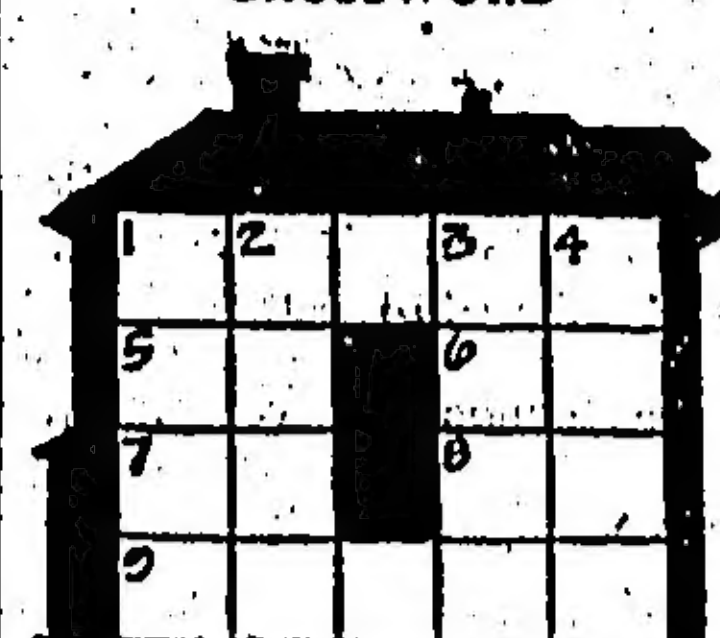
S incerity in all you are and in everything you do makes you a real person.

T alkativeness is fine. Don't overdo it, of course, but how can anyone make friends with a cat-in-the-hat tongue chatter?

U nfulness is a key that unlocks the door of opportunity. Be a useful person.

YOUR PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD



1 Silhouette of this puzzle

2 Preposition

3 Part of "to be"

4 Pronoun

5 U.S. soldier

6 Mistake

7 Another name for this puzzle's silhouette

8 Heavy blow

9 Kind of pudding

10 Persian prince

HIDDEN FRUITS

The Puzzlemaster has hidden a fruit in each of the following sentences. Can you pick them out?
She had a neat appearance.
Mayhap pleasing you is difficult.
The plump hen was to be our dinner.

DE-TAILED WORDS

De-tail "a fixed look" and have "an asterisk" de-tail this and have "a musical direction" once more and have an abbreviation for "a thoroughfare."

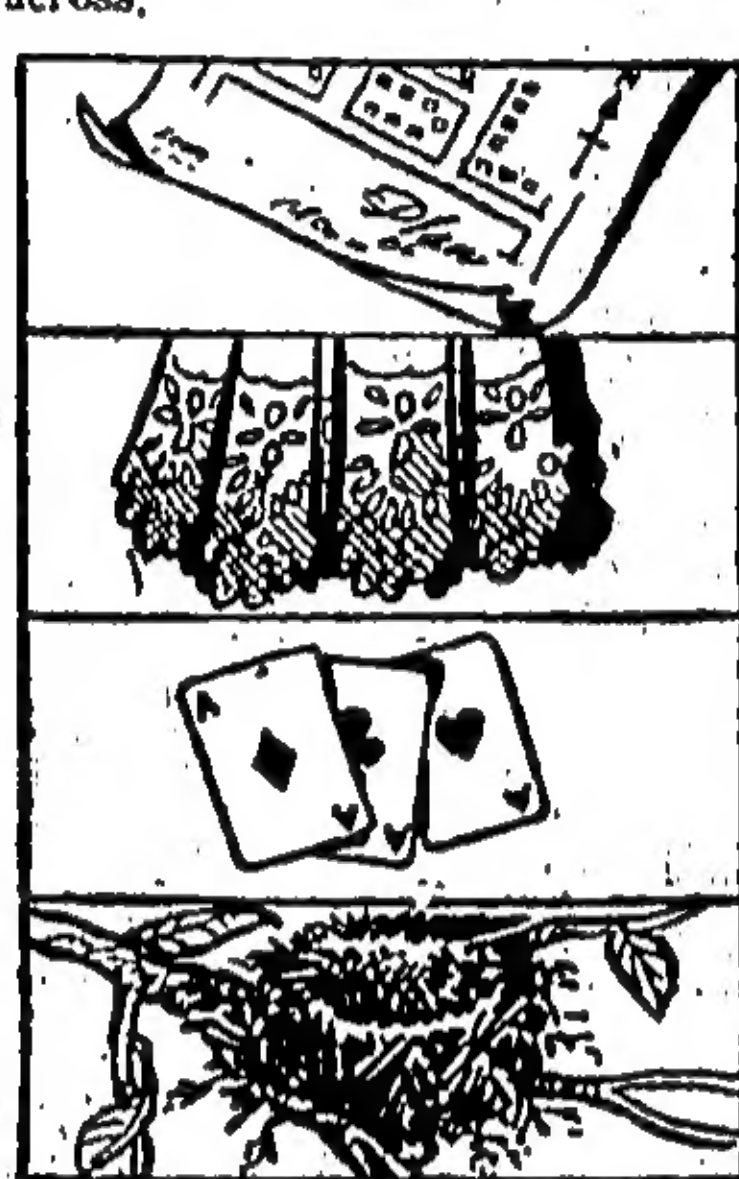
TRIANGLE

Today's triangle is based on WINTER. The second word is "jumbled type," third "operated," fourth "pause," and fifth "a sticky substance."

WINTER

PICTURE WORD SQUARE

Substitute a four-letter word for each of the pictures in this sketch and you'll find your answer reads the same down as across.



(Solution on Page 18)

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4. Drop about 12 pebbles into the can and put tape over holes.



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

BORN today, you have exceptional talents in music, literature and the arts. It is up to you to develop them to their utmost. However, talent, neglected, is of little avail and lost opportunities only bring unhappiness later on in life. Parents of children born on this day should see that their progeny have every opportunity to develop their natural gifts.

Although all of you have manual dexterity, you will not be happy unless you combine this with one of the creative arts where your imagination, originality and individuality can be utilized.

You are emotional and subject to quickly-changing moods. This, very often, is due to too much concentration. You will find that if you ease up tensions by changing your occupation and playing for a time, you will go back to your work with renewed interest and zest. All artists find themselves "going stale" now and again. You are no exception. Learn to understand this and you can learn to avoid deep moods of depression.

Yours is a deeply affectionate nature and a happy home life is a necessity. When you are emotionally upset, you find it difficult to do your best work. Wed someone who understands your moods and who can encourage you when you are "down" and celebrate and praise you when you succeed in some objective for which you have been working very hard.

Among those who were born on this date are: Henri Matisse, artist; Lord Cornwallis, British general; Alexander Winchell, geologist; John R. Sweeney, composer; and Edward Hand, patriot. To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1955

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This should be a friendly, happy day. Make or receive New Year's Day calls and enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A new acquaintance made today could prove a turning point in your life and bring lasting happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This is a day for you to visit friends or relatives, anticipate a pleasant surprise.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Mar. 20)—This is the essence of being a good guest or a successful host. So develop it today to advantage.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't look for something new today. Everything you get will have to be well paid for.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—New friends can bring happiness into your life. A social event may become an important turning point.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If someone close to you has asked for help, be quick to give whatever you can. Be happy, too, in giving.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't depend upon others. You must have self-confidence and will power to achieve the best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Fortune could play into your hand today. A chance meeting might prove of the utmost importance.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Make future plans, but don't be too sure of them. Think over all the details with great care at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—The newspapers may have some wonderful news for next week. Take full advantage of the savings then.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You may follow your inclinations today. Anything you may wish to do, is perfectly all right now.

BORN today, you have a vivid, vital personality. You usually know exactly what you want and go about getting it in the most direct way possible. You are original, inventive, imaginative and progressive. In fact, you are a natural leader, both in ideas and in action. Your determination and self-discipline is more than average and in consequence, you should meet with more than normal success in life. If you do not attain your goal, look to yourself for the fault, not to others. The stars have given you the talent. It is up to you to make the best possible use of it.

It is likely that you will travel widely. But you are always glad to get home again, for your home and family ties are strong. While you show affection in the intimate circle of your own family, you are not inclined to be demonstrative, otherwise, in fact, you have a rather aloof presence which makes a casual acquaintance think you are "stand-offish."

When it comes to business matters, you are wiser if you manage them yourself. Be very careful of any partnership, for you like to run things your own way too well and dislike, very much, taking advice from anyone.

Since you have a strong love nature, it would be well for you to wed early in life. Having your own family would give you the emotional balance which, in your case, is necessary for a successful career.

Among those who were born on this date are: Paul Revere, patriot; Catherine B. Bowen, C. E. Montague, authors; Richard Cox, educator; Bert Acosta, aviation pioneer; Gen. Anthony Wayne, patriot; and Xavier Cugat, orchestra leader.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Concentrate on resting up after the festivities. You will need to be ready to go back to work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This might be a good afternoon or evening for you to be at home to receive any of your friends who may call.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You might repay Christmas invitations by inviting friends to your home this afternoon.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Mar. 20)—If moody, it may be you are just plain tired! Catch up on rest and relaxation for a change.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Giving thanks for your recent good fortune might be definitely in order. Be grateful for your blessings.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Tomorrow is going to be an important day for you, so get things organized and make definite plans, ahead.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—

BORN today, you have an overpowering sense of duty, especially toward those you love and rarely let anything come between you and that obligation. You are a practical person and know how to make the best out of what you have. You are loyal and, once you have given your word, you will stick to it. You know what hard work means and you are willing to concentrate on your objective—large or small—until you reach it.

Since you are a natural leader and teacher, you take pleasure in directing the lives of others. Your influence with the young is excellent and you could make a place for yourself in the realm of education, particularly by specializing in the executive branches.

Since you know how to plan carefully to get what you want, you will probably reach your goal at a fairly early age. You are not to be impatient with those who differ from you, for you want what you want when you want it. This can lead to your becoming demanding but, as a rule, your magnetic personality and charm will win people to your way.

Your marriage will probably be a practical affair, rather than a romantic one. Your needs are apt to be very changeable, so wed, for the most happiness, someone who understands you thoroughly.

Among those born on this date are: Cardinal Richelieu; William Lyon Phelps; M. Cary Thomas and Gilbert Murray, educators; Robert Nathan, author; and Philip Morris, inventor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is a day for you to visit friends or relatives, anticipate a pleasant surprise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A new acquaintance made today could prove a turning point in your life and bring lasting happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This is a day for you to visit friends or relatives, anticipate a pleasant surprise.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Mar. 20)—This is the essence of being a good guest or a successful host. So develop it today to advantage.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't look for something new today. Everything you get will have to be well paid for.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Double Raise Must Show Good Support

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH probably wouldn't have felt quite strong enough for a double raise if his partner had dealt and bid one spade in today's hand. The double raise should usually show very good trump support.

In practice this must occasionally be shied in one respect or the other, but the sort of hand that includes only moderately good trump support and that is not even close to an opening bid is not really good enough for a double raise.

In this case, as it happened, North had passed originally. He could well afford to shade the requirements for a double raise, knowing that he had already indicated a hand that was not worth an opening bid.

Incidentally, South would have made a slim try, by bidding four hearts, but for the fact that North was a "passed hand."

West opened the deuce of diamonds, and South had to try the finesse to the queen. This lost to the king, and back came a diamond to force out dummy's ace.

Still not worried about the hand, South took the ace of trumps and then continued with the king. When it became apparent that he had to lose a trump trick, South began to wonder what he would do if the ace of clubs were also badly placed. What could he do?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—The newspapers may have some wonderful news for next week. Take full advantage of the savings then.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You may follow your inclinations today. Anything you may wish to do, is perfectly all right now.

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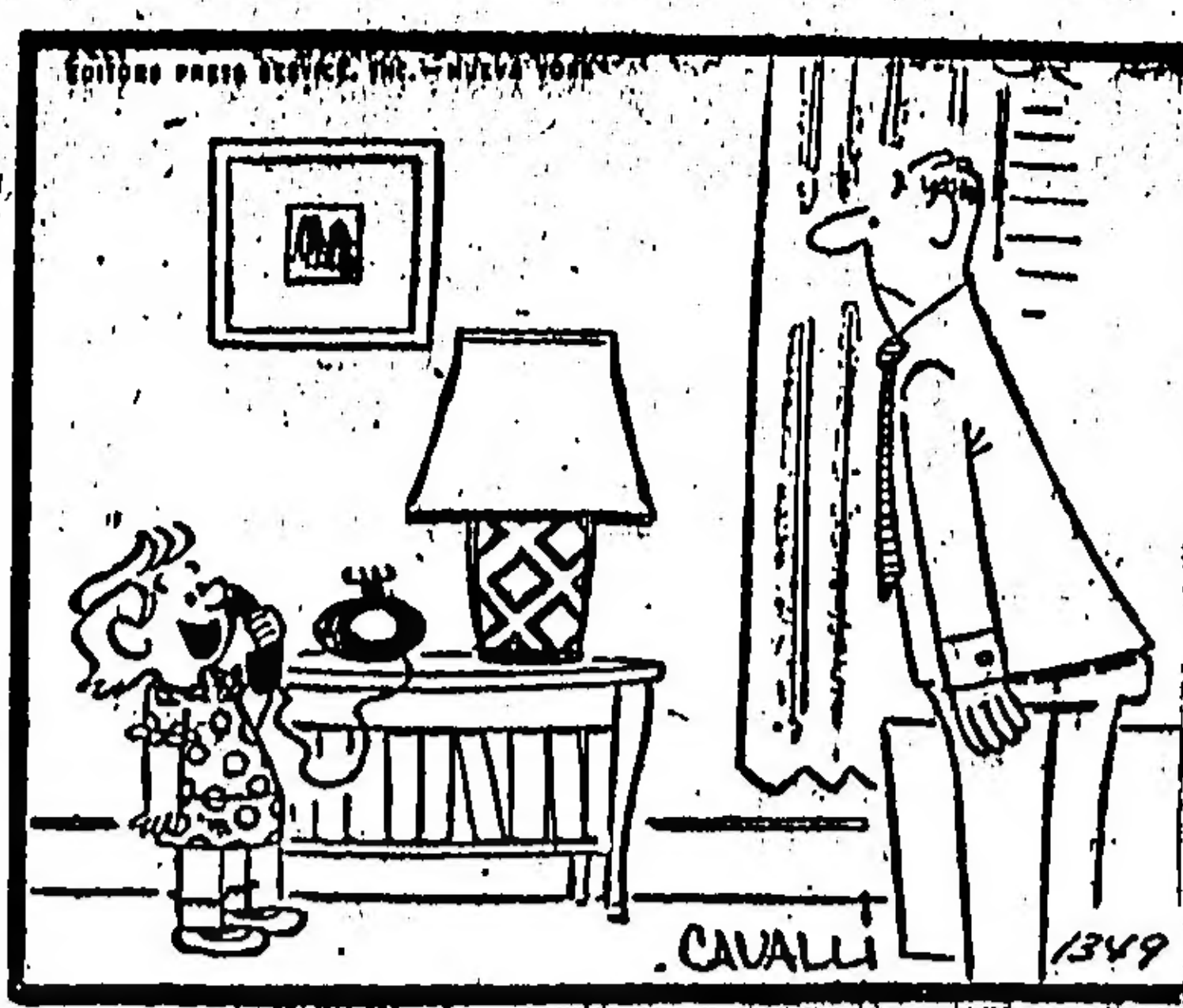
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"Oh, we're through talking. We're just listening to see who hangs up first."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

"It is better," said the Mayor of Sopping St. George, "to have a goodly number of odd inches than to have a few inches of rain."

A bid of 3-4 was made. "Sold to Mr. Lubbock for 85," cried the mayor, and he banged his gavel down on the table. Reader, it was not a croquet ball he hit but the head of a sleeping assistant.

For he was a short-sighted mayor, that mayor was. Then up sprang the assistant and pointed to the ball. "My mistake," vouchsafed the mayor, with old-world courtesy. The auction continued, but some-where far away a lonely mother dreamed her oldskin, and run away to sea.

The challenge of youth

A young girl who insists on being photographed in a "sun-suit" is to take her examinations alone, as she was suspended from her school. Another way out of the difficulty would have been to make her dress like the other girls.

But that would have been old-fashioned and terribly dangerous for her ego. This ego would undoubtedly be warped for the rest of her life if she once got the idea that there was a conspiracy to prevent her from expressing herself by wearing a sun-suit. A boy who attended school in diving boots, and with his shirt outside his waistcoat, was reprimanded so sternly that the psychiatrist can't induce him to put on the diving boots again—which would be the only way to restore his self-confidence.

I stick to 29,021

It has been announced "officially" that Everest is 29,021 ft. high, not 29,024 ft. as ignorant brawlers asserted, nor 29,036, which was the guess of an impudent interloper. But

to prevent the loss of two clubs in addition to the diamond already lost and the inevitable trump loser?

Whatever befall, South had to take care of his losing hearts, to he cashed the ace and king with the intention of ruffing out the other two. Much to his surprise, the queen and ten fell in the West hand as South led out the ace and king of hearts. This established the nine and seven of hearts so that there was no longer a need to ruff them.

South noticed this fact silently and with no appearance of surprise. Casually, and mechanically, South led the seven of hearts next. West didn't suspect monkey business, as he might have if South had led the nine of hearts, and he carelessly discarded a club. This was just what South had hoped for, and he discarded a club from the dummy likewise.

Now South could lead the nine of hearts and discard a second club from the dummy. West ruffed, but dummy was now reduced to one club, and the defenders could therefore take only one club trick. If West had ruffed the seven of hearts and led a club at once, the contract would have been defeated.

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West 1 Spade Clubs Pass Pass Double Pass?

You, South, hold: Spades 9-8-3-2, Hearts Q-J-8-2, Diamonds Q-J-7-3-2, Clubs None. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. Your strength is limited by the fact that you did not bid over two clubs, so your partner will not get out of control when you now show a void in clubs and still also emphasize. If the hand fits well, your cue bid in clubs will suggest a slam; otherwise, you will get a sound game contract.

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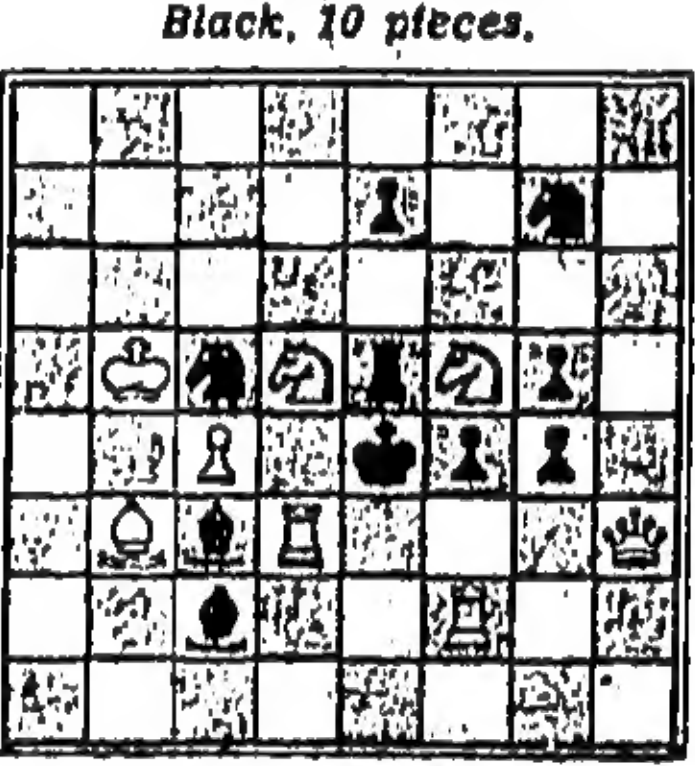
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CHESS PROBLEM

By O. STOCCHI Black, 10 pieces.



White, 8 pieces. White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K7. 1. KxR; 2. Q-B3; 1. K-K7; 2. Q-KK2 (ch); 1. K-Q7; 2. R-B2 (ch).

Parodied

The author is unknown. The tune may have been based on a little keyboard piece by a musician who died in 1628. He is often referred to as the composer of our National Anthem. His name was John Bull. The melody has been adapted by countless composers, including Beethoven (who said "I must show the British what a blessing

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Should We Change The National Anthem?

By HAROLD M. HARRIS

FROM time to time sensitive patriots protest against the "second verse" of the National Anthem.

One critic described the words as "un-Christian, indecent, disgraceful anywhere, in a church, in a school, in a cathedral, in a drawing room."

Many have tried their hand at writing a substitute. Their attempts, ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime, are quoted by Dr. Percy Scholes in a fascinating new book which unearths every fact about the obscure origins and triumphant history of God Save the Queen that research can discover.

When one of these verses was read to Queen Victoria, it is said that she saw no need for a change. "But I wish to commend their politics and frustrate their knavish tricks," she explained.

W. S. Gilbert wanted the whole poem to be "written entirely anew." Professor Salisbury, the literary historian, declared: "If I were King I should be ashamed of it." But George Bernard Shaw, who once wrote a new second verse, was surprisingly tolerant: "Absurd as the old words are, from a literary point of view, they are not easy to replace as words for the music."

Today most people would agree with his view that we should leave the words alone. Indeed they have changed very little since they received their first public performance on the stage of Drury Lane Theatre in 1745. Bonnie Prince Charlie, the Young Pretender, was marching south with his army. London was in a turmoil.

On Saturday, September 28, three soloists (two men and a woman) and a male-voiced choir took the stage at the end of the evening's performance and sang a patriotic song which started:

God bless our noble King. God save great George our King. God save the King!

It had been arranged for the occasion by the theatre's musical director, Thomas Arne, who six months earlier had stirred London with another rousing tune, Rule Britannia! God Save the King was received with "repeated huzzas."

So began a tradition which has been preserved for more than 200 years in theatres and cinemas throughout the country. Arne had found the words in a song book published the year before. But when he revised it to rally the people in support of the Hanoverian king against the Jacobites, the song changed sides. In its earlier versions it had been a pro-Jacobite anthem.

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THERE'S NO AGE LIMIT

By JAMES LEASOR

IN England, when a man has reached his 80th year, he is almost automatically regarded as the repository of all the virtues and all wisdom.

So said Somerset Maugham on his own 80th birthday in January.

He was quite right, of course. The English and the Scots, the Welsh, and the Irish—worship age; what is old must also be good.

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